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A CLOSE ENCOUNTER



JOHN Scurr Primary School in Stepney hosted its tenth annual science fair when pupils had the chance for close encounters with birds of prey like this Harris hawk and enjoyed all sorts of science activities.

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

CYCLISTS from across London took part in a protest ride from Tower Hill to Aldgate on Friday evening in a call for dedicated spaces for cycling across the capital.

The protest route included a stop at the junction of Whitechapel Road and Commercial Street to pay respects to the victim of the latest cycling

tragedy on the borough's roads.

Twenty-year-old French student Philippine Degerin-Ricard died following a collision with a lorry in Whitechapel Road, outside Aldgate East station at about 6.20pm on Friday, July 5.

Philippine was riding a Barclays Cycle Hire bike, on a dedicated Superhighways route.

She is the first person to die using a 'Boris bike.'

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Happy anniversary!

"The Anniversary Games are an opportunity to see some of the world's greatest athletes in action."

MAYOR LUTFUR RAHMAN



Great Shakes back on the track

Bow hurdler Perri Shakes-Drayton will be joining other Olympians competing in the Anniversary Games at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on July 26-28. Residents can apply for free tickets by July 17.

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DANCERS from east London performed at Buckingham Palace as part of a four-day festival to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Queen's Coronation. East London Dance produced the large-scale outdoor dance show choreographed by Jeanefer Jean-Charles, left with composer Johnny Kalsi, and featuring 100 dancers and 20 musicians from the Dhol Foundation. The dancers rehearsed at Three Mills Studio in Bromley-by-Bow, before their appearance at the palace over the weekend.

Get your Games on!

BY SUSAN MULLIGAN

FREE tickets are on offer for the Anniversary Games at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman, organisers Live Nation and the London Legacy Development Corporation are treating residents to the tickets for three days of world class athletics from July 26-28.

The IAAF Diamond League action will see many Olympic champions returning to the Park on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, with a third day of action dedicated to the Paralympic champions of 2012 on Sunday.

Six-time Olympic champion Usain Bolt will be among the 30 Olympic medallists taking part, including four world record holders and 12 gold medallists.

Residents can apply for up to two tickets per household.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "This is a fantastic offer for our residents. The Anniversary Games are an opportunity to see some of the world's greatest athletes in action, and they remind us of the ongoing legacy that the Games have brought to Tower Hamlets."

Cabinet member for culture Cllr Rania Khan told *East End Life*: "2012 saw a show-

stopping number of gold medal wins for Team GB. I'm delighted that our residents will have the chance to see those amazing athletes at the Anniversary Games."

Residents can apply for the tickets from July 15 by going to my.towerhamlets.gov.uk (Surveys).

The closing date is July 17.

Come to the carnival in Mile End

RESIDENTS are invited to re-live the sporting success from last year's London 2012 Games at a free sports carnival this weekend.

People of all ages will have the chance to try out outdoor activities including giant inflatable games and traditional sports such as tennis and basketball.

The carnival at Mile End Stadium in Burdett Road, E3 on Saturday, July 20 from 11am-5pm will also host a variety of activities from a sailing simulator to canoeing and taekwondo

The sound of steel pans will echo through the venue with entertainment and a talent showcase including Sky One's Got To Dance finalists IMD.

For more information call 7364 3214 or visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/sports

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Cor blimey, nine days of Cockney fun

A nine-day festival of all things Cockney starts this Thursday with events including parties, singalongs, walks, films and talks. The full programme is available at Idea Stores and libraries.

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Fire cuts decision

The future of Bow fire station could be decided at a meeting of the fire authority on Thursday.

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See the road from driver's perspective

CYCLISTS have the chance to sit inside an HGV lorry and see the road from the driver's perspective at a free event this Tuesday.

Council and police officers are organising the event in Victoria Park at Bonner Bridge, off Sewardstone Road, Bethnal Green on July 16 from 7.45-9.45am, as part of the Met's Exchanging Places programme.

Cyclists will also be shown drivers' blind spots and be told the risks of cycling too close to lorries, especially while in front or on the near side.

A free Dr Bike cycle repair service will be available along with the chance to win cycle shop vouchers.

Protesters call for cycle safety

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She was taken to hospital shortly after the incident, but later lost her fight for life.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman has been calling on the mayor of London to improve cycling safety for some time following a number of accidents involving cyclists in the borough.

Philippine (pictured right) was the sixth cyclist to have been killed in Tower Hamlets since 2011.

"This is a terrible tragedy. I am deeply concerned about the safety of cyclists, especially as they travel in and around Tower Hamlets," Mayor Rahman said.

"As a council we have committed £100,000 to improve cycle safety locally and I am calling on the mayor of London to do more, especially at busy junctions with cycle superhighways."



A photo of Philippine Degerin-Ricard attached to a lamppost near the scene of the accident

Campaigners from cycling group Tower Hamlets Wheelers and the affiliated London Cycling

Campaign (LCC) helped organise the protest ride on Friday calling for dedicated cycling spaces to protect cyclists from fast-moving

and heavy motor traffic.

"Since the first designs for Superhighway 2 were put forward, we've repeatedly told the mayor [of London] that this route—supposedly put in place to encourage more Londoners to cycle—fails to come anywhere near providing a safe or comfortable cycle route," an LCC spokesman said.

He said that before construction started on Superhighway 2, the campaign had called for it to be redesigned as a safe cycle route.

Philippine is the third cyclist to die in collision with a lorry on or near the Superhighway 2, with Brian Dorling and Svitlana Tereschenko both killed at Bow roundabout in 2011.

Anyone who witnessed the accident is asked to call the police on 8597 4874.

News in brief

Cockney afternoon

PEARLY Kings and Queens will be providing an afternoon of entertainment in aid of Bethnal Green disaster charity, the Stairway to Heaven Memorial Trust.

The Cockney afternoon on Tuesday, July 23 will feature films, amusing talks and an East End sing-along.

The event, taking place at 2.30pm at St John on Bethnal Green church, Cambridge Heath Road, is part of the borough's Cockney Heritage Festival.

Call Derek Spicer on 07722 162168 or 07732 460444 for further information or tickets, priced £5 in advance.

Puppies in the park

AN author who has written a series of children's stories featuring the adventures of puppies in Victoria Park is holding free writing workshops at Stepney City Farm on Saturday, July 20.

Jane Marlow was inspired to write the ParkPups series while walking her Norfolk terrier puppy, BooBoo, in the park.

She will be hosting three workshop sessions with 25 places available at 11am, 11.30am and 12pm.

Email admin@parkpups.com to reserve a place.

Murder charge

A MAN has been charged with the murder of 42-year-old Gary Briscoe on June 22 in a Whitechapel hostel.

Mehretab Zemicael, 42, of Code Street, Whitechapel, was charged on July 10 and appeared at Thames Magistrates Court on July 11.

'Re-double efforts to save Bow'

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

PLANS to close Bow fire station and remove a fire engine from Whitechapel fire station will be discussed at a public meeting this week.

Revised proposals on the future of the capital's fire and rescue service were published last week, which relieved two fire stations from closure

but the threat to Bow remains.

London Fire Brigade has to make savings of £28.8 million and following consultation across the capital, the new proposals include the closure of ten fire stations, reducing the number of fire engines by 14 instead of 18 and cutting 552 firefighter posts.

London Fire Commissioner Ron Dobson said: "I would like to thank all of those who contributed to the

consultation process. I listened very hard to the views of everyone attending public meetings and, where possible, my revised plan takes into account some of the concerns raised."

Paul Embery, the Fire Brigade Union's regional secretary for London, said the fresh decision only came about because of the pressure of a sustained public campaign.

"Ten stations remain under threat, and

we must re-double our efforts to save these stations from the axe too.

"These cuts are dangerous and wrong and will lead to millions of Londoners waiting longer for a fire engine in an emergency," he said.

The London Fire Authority will review the revised proposals at a public meeting this Thursday, July 18 at its headquarters in Union Street, Southwark where the FBU will hold a rally outside.



A STUDENT who only recently took up the guitar and taught himself to play and sing won a competitive arts showcase. John Parry (pictured left), a pupil at Langdon Park School in Poplar, represented the borough in the XLP Arts Showcase Final 2013, held at the Mermaid Theatre in the City. He won the Langdon Park's Got Talent show last autumn and went on to win the borough's finals at the Rich Mix Arts Centre in April. Last week 16 young performers representing seven boroughs displayed

their talents and talked about their experiences at the showcase, hosted by urban youth charity XLP.

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Iconic East End market plays host to movie star

BY SHALINA HUSSAIN

MARKET traders joined film star Kevin Bacon as he filmed his latest television advert in Petticoat Lane.

Famous for his roles in Footloose, Apollo 13, X-Men First Class and Tremors, Kevin got a taste of the real East End.

The Film Office worked with the production team to arrange the shoot, which involved dressing a section of the market for filming, with a wide variety of stalls using a mix of regular traders and prop stands as the backdrop.

Kevin walked through the market delivering his lines to camera before hopping on a traditional red bus.

A lot of buzz was created on the day, with residents and tourists all trying to catch a glimpse of the Hollywood star.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said the council was delighted that Bacon had chose one of its iconic



markets to star in the latest advert for EE Communications. "No other London location offers such a choice of vibrant and contrasting markets for 364 days a year," he said.

"Each market is an open air theatre, a sight and taste of genuine East End London, where bargains and surprises abound."

Petticoat Lane is steeped in history and boasts a new food court in Goulston Street, which is becoming extremely popular.

Operating since the 1750s,

the name Petticoat Lane came not from the sale of petticoats but from the fable that traders would steal your petticoat at one of the markets and sell it back to you at the other.

Petticoat Lane had its name changed to Middlesex Street by the Victorians who deemed the original too saucy and is now where the market centres itself.

The market is open Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm and on Sundays from 9am-3pm.



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200 apply for Mayor's cash

STUDENTS have been rushing to apply for the new Mayor's Higher Education Award, with nearly 200 applications received in the first week.

The MHEA is the first bursary scheme of its scale in the country. A total of 400 individual bursaries of £1,500 each are available to students starting higher education in 2013/14.

Cabinet member for children, schools and families Cllr Oliur Rahman added: "I urge every local student starting university in the next academic year to follow the lead of all those who have this week got their applications in."

The closing date for applications is October 11. If more than 400 people apply then they will be judged according to certain criteria. Applicants can find all the details and the application form at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/higher

Any queries regarding the MHEA should be directed to the benefits team on 7364 5001 or email benefits@towerhamlets.gov.uk



Cllr Abdul Asad joins walkers as they put their best feet forward in Mile End Park

Faith buildings to get a £600,000 revamp

BY EMILY BLACKSHAW

FAITH organisations are set to benefit from funding totalling £600,000 to repair and modernise their places of worship.

Launched in November 2012, the Community Faith Buildings Support Scheme was the first of its kind in the borough, offering grants towards the repair, adaptation, modification or improvement of community faith buildings, including making them more accessible.

Religious organisations based in the borough were invited to

apply for grants of up to £75,000 – including grants up to £10,000 for professional support – in the first round, which had deadlines in November 2012 and January 2013.

Following a detailed review of the 43 applications received – against criteria including match funding, building usage and need – recommendations from the council's corporate grants programme board were put forward to Mayor Lutfur Rahman.

In an effort to ensure the funding is spread across the borough, grants of some form

have been awarded to most applicants for works including roof repairs, heating improvements and new windows.

Mayor Rahman said: "After a visit to the East London Central Synagogue on Nelson Street, I was inspired to do something to help faith organisations preserve their places of worship."

"By awarding grants to support these buildings, we're helping to preserve them for the future and make them suitable for modern use. While some organisations haven't been awarded the amount they requested, I hope they appreci-

ate that we wanted to ensure that everyone could benefit from the scheme and we had lots of good applications."

Funding for type B grants (up to £300,000 for more substantial works), along with additional type C grants (up to £10,000 towards professional support) and type A grants (for works up to £75,000) will be available in future rounds.

Details will be available in East End Life and on the council website in the coming months. For a list of organisations awarded funding in round 1, visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

Keeping the faith

The Community Faith Buildings Support Scheme offers grants towards the repair of community faith buildings.

News in brief

Jail for bomb hoax

A MAN who told Tube passengers that he had a bomb in his suitcase before placing it at a woman's feet has been jailed.

Aleksejs Ivanovs, 23, of no fixed address, committed the offence at around 8pm on May 8 on an eastbound District line train.

Blackfriars Crown Court heard on Monday July 8 that he tapped a large, black suitcase with his hand before saying: "There's a bomb in here."

Two female passengers were so scared that they left the train at Tower Hill station and the woman with the suitcase at her feet got off at Aldgate East, along with a male passenger, who alerted station staff.

Ivanovs was arrested. He was sentenced to 12 months in prison after pleading guilty to communicating false information, racially aggravated intentional harassment and a public order offence.

Suffragette festival

ORGANISERS of the East London Suffragette Festival are seeking volunteers and committee members to pull together a weekend of special events next summer. They would like to hear from people living in east London who are interested in local history and passionate about equality. Email Sarah at womensmayday@gmail.com

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Supporting the needy

"We need to support those in genuine need, which is why some households are exempt from the cap."

IAIN DUNCAN SMITH

News

Making the benefit system fair for all

WE need a welfare system that helps those who want to get on, supports those in genuine need, and is fair to hard working taxpayers.

A benefit cap of £500 a week strikes that balance. We are implementing the benefit cap nationally over the next few months so by the end of September no-one can receive more in benefits than the average working wage.

Around 40,000 households across Great Britain will be impacted by the benefit cap and help is already in place to support those people.

Jobcentre Plus is contacting the 1,300 claimants in Tower Hamlets who we expect will be affected, offering guidance and support and discussing the options available to them. This includes help to find work so people can exempt themselves from the cap, and help to find more affordable housing.

I have always been clear we need to support those who are in genuine need, and that is why some households are immediately exempt from the cap, including those where someone is in receipt of disability benefits, and pensioners.

A benefit system that allows a minority of claimants to receive massive state handouts, sometimes more than £100,000 a year, lets down everyone.

It fails the very people it is supposed to be helping by deterring them from moving into work, and it is unfair to taxpayers who fund it.

Once the benefit cap is in place we will have a welfare state that is fit for the 21st century. One that is financially sustainable and provides the right support to claimants, and helps families lift themselves out of benefit dependency and get on.

Work and Pensions Secretary
Iain Duncan Smith

The benefit cap will create a welfare state "fit for the 21st century" says Iain Duncan Smith



Women feel the brunt of changes

Women are likely to be most affected by the benefit cap – 46 per cent of those affected are single parent households and over 95 per cent of these are headed by women.

FOR ADVICE, CALL 7364 5001

The government is introducing a number of changes to welfare benefits, which will affect the amount and type of benefits that residents are entitled to and how they are paid. **Susan Mulligan** reports on the changes, what they mean and the impact on local people.

"The welfare reforms will have an enormous impact"

THOUSANDS of people in Tower Hamlets will be affected by the new measures, with 1,400 households across the borough affected by the benefit cap when it is introduced next month.

Residents affected by the benefit cap have been visited by council officers with advice about the impact of the welfare changes. And hundreds of residents have taken advantage of free advice on housing, employment and finances that was available at welfare reform information events organised by the council over the last months.

The council's Employment & Skills services helped 800 local people to get jobs last year and the numbers of people engaging with the service is increasing rapidly.

Cllr Rabina Khan, cabinet member for housing, said: "The Government's welfare reforms will have an enormous impact on some households in Tower Hamlets. I would urge residents to speak to the council's benefits team as soon as possible, or attend one of our welfare events to find out how they can prepare for the changes."

For benefits advice, contact the council's benefits service on 7364 5001.

The benefit cap

This will be introduced in the UK from July 15, but Tower Hamlets residents will not start to be affected until August 12. The government expects the cap will be applied to all affected residents by the end of September 2013. It applies to working age residents who receive housing benefit and are

either out of work or do not work enough hours to qualify for working tax credit.

The cap is calculated by adding together the benefits a family gets each week, including income support, jobseekers allowance, employment support allowance, child tax credit, child benefit and housing benefit.

If the total is more than £500 for couples and lone parents or £350 for single people the excess will be deducted from their housing benefit.

The council and Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) have written to existing households expected to be affected by the benefit cap. New claimants are being advised about the changes to the benefits system at the point that they make their claim.

Pensioners are not affected by the cap, nor are working age tenants who are unable to work due to disability.

The 'bedroom tax'

Hundreds of households in Tower Hamlets will be affected by the government's new under-occupancy criteria (commonly known as the 'bedroom tax') which are now in force.

Its introduction means that working age tenants who rent accommodation from a council or housing association which the government says is too big for their needs, will have their housing benefit reduced. When calculating housing benefit, one bedroom is allowed for each of the following occupants:

- an adult or adult couple
- any other person or couple aged 16 or over

- any two children aged under ten years
- any two children of the same sex aged under 16
- any other child
- any disabled child who is unable to share a bedroom
- any member of the armed forces who is away from home on operations
- foster parents who need an extra room for a foster child or a prospective foster child
- an extra bedroom for a resident in receipt of DLA care (middle or higher rate) who needs regular overnight care from a non-resident carer. If the tenant has one extra room, housing benefit will be reduced by 14 per cent. For two or more extra bedrooms, the reduction is 25 per cent.

Changes to disability living allowance

Under the new welfare reform proposals, from June this year, the Government will begin the process of replacing disability living allowance (DLA) with the personal independence payments (PIP) for 'working age adults' aged 16-64. The government has said that children under 16 will continue to be eligible for DLA for now.

As the DLA budget has been cut by 20 per cent, it is likely that some residents currently on receipt of DLA may lose or face a reduction to their entitlement.

Residents who lose their entitlement to DLA or PIP may also lose their protection from the benefit cap.

For further information, go to www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/welfarereform

"I'm trying to build a better life"

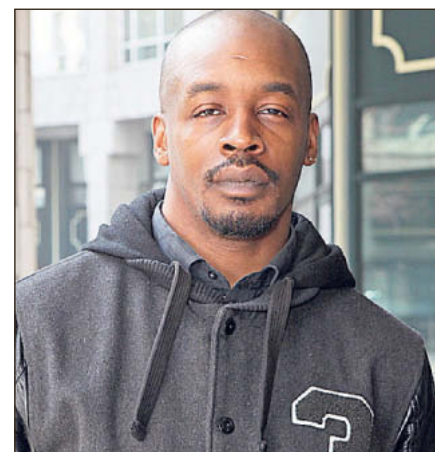
Wesley Travis, 31: "The welfare changes mean that I will lose the money that I receive for a second bedroom – which I really need for my six-year-old daughter – because I am separated from my partner and although my daughter normally lives with her, she comes to stay with me regularly.

"I have just started my own business – the East London Martial Arts Association – which is work that I love, but new

businesses take time to build before they start to pay off, and I need my benefits to help with that at the moment.

"It is difficult to see how the government are helping people with these reforms. I am trying to build a life and career to support my daughter, and they are taking away the little help that they have given me."

(Right) Wesley Travis has started his own business



Around 2,500 residents will be affected by the 'bedroom tax' in Tower Hamlets by an average of £17 per week and around 1,400 will be hit by the benefit cap by an average of £96 per week.

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“The real solution to a high benefits bill is to have a national programme to build truly affordable social housing.”

MAYOR LUTFUR RAHMAN

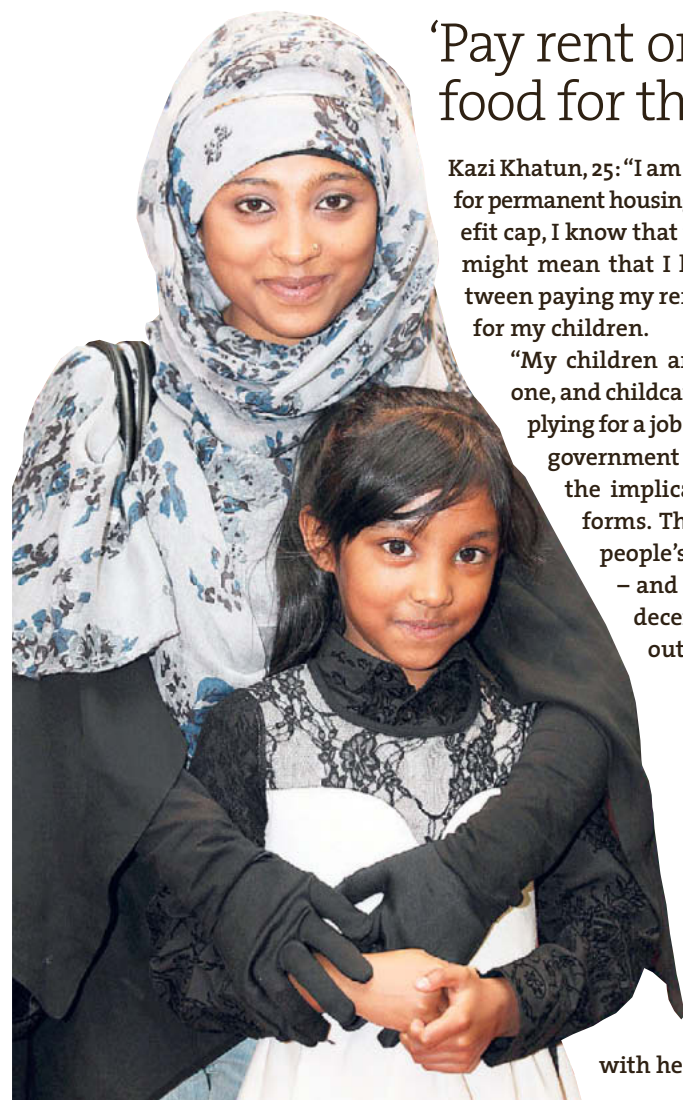
“I feel as though I am being punished for being a carer”

"I feel as though I am being punished for being Danny's carer. The government seem



Sharron and Danny in his specially-adapted room.

to think I can just move to a smaller place—but I can't. I am really lucky with the help and support that I get from my local community and neighbours – I won't be able to count on that if we move. And this isn't just a house, it's our home."



Kazi Khatun
with her daughter

'Pay rent or buy food for the kids?'

"My children are aged seven and one, and childcare is difficult, so applying for a job is tough. I think the government should think about the implications of these reforms. They need to look at people's life circumstances – and the fact that good, decent jobs just aren't out there."



Mayor Lutfur Rahman with organisers

Reform advice for Somali residents

To speak to an adviser, contact the council's benefits team on 7364 5001.

This government
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Easier ways to find apprenticeships

The council is going to start regularly publishing details of apprenticeship opportunities on its website. Its aim is to make finding an apprenticeship as simple as possible.

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Useful information

Help for where life takes you

News from the council's children's, schools and families service

YOUNG people sitting their A-level and GCSE exams are all too aware of how hectic the past few weeks have been.

Looking at the activities going on around the borough serves as a reminder of how much work goes on in our schools that is not directly related to education.

Most notably, the Mayor's Higher Education Award was launched on July 1. This new bursary scheme offers 400 students help with the costs of university. It was clear from the turnout at the launch, which more than 60 people – mainly students – attended, how well-received this initiative was.

This has been reinforced by the impressive number of applications submitted so far – 182 at the time of going to press.

We know how financially daunting the prospect of going to university can be for some families, so we hope these awards, of £1,500 each, will help our young people as they strive to get the best possible start in life.

On the subject of university, this month also saw the first annual Oxbridge fair held in Tower Hamlets.

Not only is the council offering bursaries to help students go to university, but some of the best universities in the country, including Oxford and Cambridge, are now actively meeting with local young people to encourage them to think ambitiously and to strive for these top institutions.

Last year, two Tower Hamlets students went to Oxbridge and 115 went to Russell Group universities. These impressive universities have recognised the supreme talent here in Tower Hamlets and the council will

continue to do all it can to help more of our young people make the most of these fantastic opportunities.

However, we know that university is not for everyone and that there are great opportunities for achievements in the workplace.

This is why events such as last week's apprentice fair at Central Foundation Girls' School are so important.

Live vacancies were being advertised at this event, from which City Gateway, ViewLiving and KeepMoat reported they had a successful day and recruited more students for interviews than at similar events.

The majority of students that attended the fair walked away with an interview for one or more apprenticeships.

We are also shortly going to start regularly publishing details of apprenticeship opportunities on our website. Our aim is to make finding an apprenticeship as simple as possible.

All of these initiatives are aimed at having lasting benefits for the young people of today, so that they can offer the best possible life for themselves and their families in future.

Never is this more relevant than with healthy living.

This is why we are working so closely with all our local schools and education providers to make sure that children are taught straight away the importance of healthy eating and of living healthy lives.

A recent celebration event involved 200 people coming together to share ideas and stories about how best to ensure all our children learn these essential skills which will serve them so well.

Speaking of looking to the future, for everyone now nervously waiting for their exam results, all of us at the council wish you the very best of luck and we will be here to help wherever the next chapter of your life takes you.

Chemist rota

Pharmacists in Tower Hamlets with extended opening hours.

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ABC Drug Stores, 12-14 Montague Street: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, Sun 10am-2.30pm.
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Sainsbury's, The Albion Brewery: Mon-Fri 8.30am-10pm, Sat 7.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-5pm.
Chapel, 139 Cannon Street:

Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-6pm.

E2

Fairdale, 360 Bethnal Green Road: Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri 9am-6.30pm, Thurs 9am-1pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.
Florida, 307 Bethnal Green Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.

E3

Bell, 534 Roman Road: Mon-Sat 7am-11pm, Sun 10am-2pm.
Forward, 648 Mile End Road:

Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun and bank holidays 10am-6pm.
Green Light, St Andrew's Health Centre, 2 Hannaford Walk: 8am-8pm, seven days a week, including bank holidays.
Lincoln, 60 St Paul's Way: Mon, Tues, Weds 8am-8pm, Thurs, Fri, 8am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm.
Tesco, Hancock Road: Mon 8am-10.30pm, Tues-Fri 6.30am-10.30pm, Sat 6.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-4pm.

E14

Boots, Unit 15, Jubilee Place: Mon-Fri 7am-midnight, Sat

9am-6pm, Sun 12pm-6pm.
Britannia (Perimart), Asda Precinct, East Ferry Road: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 11am-4pm, bank holidays 11am-6pm.

Doctors

Please ring your doctor's surgery for an appointment, but if it's the weekend or late at night, call 7377 7151 (only for people in Tower Hamlets who are registered with a doctor).

To find a doctor, dentist or help to quit smoking call the health hotline on 7364 5016, Mon-Fri 8am-8pm and Sat 8am-4pm.

Advice

Family Information Service (FIS)

The Family Information Service provides information for people from birth to age 19 (or 25 for those with additional needs) including helping parents and carers find high quality childcare, advice on tax credits and childcare vouchers. Open Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm. Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14. fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk 7364 6495

Tower Hamlets Home Birth Support Group

Last Thurs of each month, 8pm. 31 Ridgale Street, E3. 8981 1159

Parents Advice Centre (PAC)

Offers impartial advice around special educational needs (SEN). 30 Greatorex Street, E1. Drop-in sessions every Tues, 9.30am-3.30pm & Fri, 9.30am-1pm. 7364 6489

LinkAge Plus

Toynbee Hall is one of five network centres that co-ordinates services and activities provided. Mon-Fri from 9am-5pm, drop-in session for advice on benefits, pensions, employment and housing. Appointments necessary. Mon 9am-5pm, Bangladeshi group. Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, E1

7392 2914
www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Welfare advice

All the organisations listed below can help you with welfare benefits, housing and general debt problems.

Account 3
1-9 Birkbeck Street, E2. 7739 7720
www.account3.org.uk

Bangladesh Youth Movement
21-23 Henriques St, E1. 7488 1831/2

Bromley by Bow Centre
St Leonard's Street, E3. 8709 9737 www.bbbc.org.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)
32 Greatorex Street, E1. 7247 1050
www.adviceguide.org.uk

Island Advice Centre
Island House, Roserton Street, Isle of Dogs, E14. 7987 9379
www.island-advice.org.uk

Legal Advice Centre
University House, 104 Roman Road, E2. 8980 4205
www.legaladvicecentre.org.uk

Limehouse Project
Cheadle Hall, Cheadle House, Copenhagen Place, E14. 7538 0075
www.limehouseproject.org.uk

Praxis (New Residents Service)
Pott Street, E2. 7729 7985
www.praxis.org.uk

Tower Hamlets Law Centre
(specialist advice by appointment and evening legal advice sessions). 214 Whitechapel Road, E1. 7247 8998
www.thlc.co.uk

Debt advice

Toynbee Hall Advice Service
28 Commercial Street, E1. 7392 2953
advice@toynbeehall.org.uk
www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Fair Money Advice
530 Commercial Road, E1. 7702 8032
www.fairfinance.org.uk

Island Advice Centre
Island House, Roserton Street, Isle of Dogs, E14. 7987 9379
www.island-advice.org.uk

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www.nationaldebtline.co.uk

Step Change Debt Charity
0800 138 111
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Investment in education sees results

"These results are testament to the hard work of the students, teachers and leadership teams and a vindication of their belief in high expectations, good teaching and ambition."

SCHOOLS NETWORK CHIEF EXECUTIVE SUE WILLIAMSON

Safe road crossing

For more information about school crossing patrols contact Donovan Thomas on 7364 2221 or email

DONOVAN.THOMAS@TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK

News

Bow schools praised for students' performance

BY IAN READ

TWO Bow schools have been named among the country's elite for improving their students' performance.

Bow School and Central Foundation Girls' School are included in the top 20 per cent nationally for adding value to students' achievement at GCSE.

Every school in the country has been ranked according to how much value they have added to the scores their students were expected to achieve in their GCSE results in 2012.

This 'value added' score is determined by the progress students have made between their national test results at age 11 and 16.

A score over 1,000 means a school is above average. Central Foundation earned a 'value-added' score of 1,029 and Bow's was 1,023.

As a result, both received letters from independent school



Students celebrate, from left: Sara Baptiste, Tia Smith, Novia Samuels, Shukri Warsame and Sitra Ali

improvement body the Schools Network praising their achievements and confirming their places among England's top 20 per cent of schools.

The Network's chief executive Sue Williamson told them both they should be congratulated for their "stunning performance in adding value to their students' achievements" and said there was "plenty other schools could learn" from their success.

Bow School head teacher Cath Smith said: "Our close

focus on the progress and attainment of each individual student enabled us to target our support and encouragement accurately.

"Staff worked closely together to provide a full and tailored intervention programme that included weekend and holiday revision sessions as well as after-school classes and a residential study weekend.

"The students rose to the challenges we set them and we are proud of their achievements."

Central Foundation School head teacher Esther Holland said: "We are proud of our students' achievements and know that students across Tower Hamlets receive an outstanding education in all the borough's secondary schools."

Mayor Lutfur Rahman praised the schools' performance: "Improving the life chances of young people is what school is all about. I am delighted that we are seeing the results of our investment in education."

Cabinet member for children, schools and families Cllr Oliur Rahman said: "We already know that we are one of the few local authorities in the country whose secondary maintained schools are all rated good or outstanding.

"To now be recognised for the improvement in students' performance at these two schools is further proof of the educational excellence on offer in Tower Hamlets."

News in brief

Your opinion counts

THE council is still offering the opportunity for residents to be rewarded with a £30 shopping voucher for giving their opinion as part of small focus groups.

Residents aged over 16 who are interested in attending one of six 90-minute discussions to be held on Thursday, July 25 need to send their name, address, email address, phone number to generalenquiries@towerhamlets.gov.uk putting 'focus groups' in the subject line.

The deadline for applications 9am on Friday, July 19.

Youth board plea

YOUNG Londoners are being invited to join a new youth board.

Members of the youth board, run by the Mayor's Fund for London, will be given the tools to keep in regular contact with City Hall, be invited to exclusive events and get to meet some of the UK's top business people, as well as meeting the teams at City Hall who work alongside the mayor of London.

To apply for one of 12 places, visit www.mayorsfundforlondon.co.uk/youth-board or call 7983 4051 to request an application form.

Crossing officer is welcomed

CHILDREN at Bigland Green Primary School have a new school crossing patrol officer.

Sabah Gulaid is now providing a safe road crossing for pupils and parents on their journey to and from the school in Whitechapel.

Sabah is one of three new crossing patrol officers recruited in the borough since April. Malmesbury and Marner primary schools in Bow both have new officers.

Deputy Mayor Cllr Ohid Ahmed said: "It was good to meet the pupils and head teacher of Bigland Green Primary and their new lollipop lady,



Deputy mayor Cllr Ohid Ahmed and head teacher Abdul Hayee Murshad with pupils on the zebra crossing manned by new crossing patrol officer Sabah Gulaid

Sabah. Providing a safe way to and from school is important to our communities and Tower Hamlets is one of the few London councils that is still investing in and recruiting new school crossing patrol officers."

Bigland Green head teacher Abdul Hayee Murshad said:

"The children have really welcomed Sabah into our school. We held a special assembly to introduce her to all of our pupils and staff, which was enjoyed by all."

The school also has a new zebra crossing outside the site to assist Sabah in her work, following a campaign by the teach-

ers, pupils and wider school community.

For more information about school crossing patrols or anyone interested in becoming a lollipop person contact Donovan Thomas on 7364 2221 or email donovan.thomas@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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Gathering for art lovers Protecting vulnerable children

Art cafés are being held for individuals who love art and have an enthusiasm for discussing it.

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The NSPCC protects vulnerable children through projects including ChildLine – the UK's free, confidential 24-hour helpline (0800 1111) and online service for children and young people.

WWW.NSPCC.ORG.UK

Community news

Brit's new campus

AN independent education provider, which has been running courses since 2006, has opened a new campus in Limehouse.

Brit College at Limehouse Lock, Commercial Road offers accredited postgraduate and undergraduate courses in a range of subjects including business, IT, law, accounting and management.

"Brit College is proud to invest in education with its new campus, facilities and professional staff," said principal, Professor Andrew Jones.

See www.britcollege.org.uk

Boost for Naomi's social enterprise



A STEPNEY resident, who formed a social enterprise to offer psychological and social therapies to people from ethnic minority groups, has won £40,000 worth of business support.

Naomi Mwasambili (above), 28, received the social

enterprise award from The Young Foundation and Metropolitan Housing.

Naomi's idea focuses on offering support to black and minority ethnic (BME) and migrant communities to relieve stress and build confidence.

Her group has given mental health awareness training to more than 70 students and provided practical care to 24 vulnerable clients through one-to-one therapy.

"I hope my win will inspire other young women to take their ideas and turn them into social businesses," Naomi said.

Squad's summer

A SUMMER holiday programme of music, drama, performance skills and confidence building is on offer for young people with a learning disability.

Community group the Map Squad is running the programme for 14- to 19-year-olds who will get an accredited qualification, as well as a certificate and a portfolio of all their achievements on the five-week scheme.

The programme starts with an introduction day on Thursday, July 24 with the main activities running from Monday, July 29 until August 29.

Call the Map Squad on 7247 3030 or email office@map-squad.org

Jen scales new heights for NSPCC



A BOW woman scaled 38 floors and climbed 1,037 stairs to raise funds for a children's charity.

Jen Fu (above) reached the top of the Gherkin building in the City in 21 minutes to raise money for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC).

"The altitude really caught me off guard but it's worth it for the view once you get to the top," said Jen, who has run other races for the charity.

Visit www.nspcc.org.uk/getinvolved

Migrant leadership

A GROUP of women who have recently moved to the borough from overseas have begun working with a community organisation to find ways of developing the areas where they live.

The migrant women, who came to the UK from countries such as Pakistan, India and So-

malia, are participating in a leadership programme at the Arbour, a community centre in Stepney Green.

For more information on the Arbour's free six-month leadership programme for migrant women email Klara Schmitz at klara@thearbour.org.uk or call 7780 3112.

Is art your passion?

PEOPLE who love art are being given an opportunity to turn their passion into a qualification.

Birkbeck, University of London is running art cafés for people who do not hold a degree but who love art and discussing it with other people.

Themes range from self-portraiture to street art, from the classic to the contemporary. Sessions will also include information about pursuing a formal qualification, careers advice and workshops for IT and online resources.

The cafés will take place at Whitechapel Gallery, 77-82 Whitechapel High Street, E1 from July 3-24 from 12-2pm; Tarling East Community Centre, 285 Commercial Road, E1 on July 1-22 from 2-3:30pm; and Crisis Skylight Centre, 66 Commercial Street, E1 from July 22-25, 11:30am-1pm.

Book a place at www.birkbeckartcafe2.eventbrite.co.uk, email Patrice Buddington at p.buddington@bbk.ac.uk or call 7380 3107.

Turning lives around

A PROJECT which provides practical training to people recovering from homelessness, addiction, mental health problems, learning difficulties and long-term unemployment will be showcasing its facilities at an open day this week.

The New Hanbury Project offers courses such as painting and decorating, furniture repairs and restoration, computing, arts and crafts, gardening and cookery. The scheme also provides training in literacy, drama, creative writing, art and music. Visitors will be able to meet students, hear about the changes they have made to their lives and see examples of their work.

The open day is on Thursday July 18 from 10:30am-4:30pm at 3 Calvert Avenue, Bethnal Green – visit www.sct.org.uk or call 7613 5636 for more details.

Taking kids from crime to careers

A PROGRAMME to provide education, training, mentoring and other support to young people aged between 13 and 21 is set to kick off in Tower Hamlets this August.

Streets 2 Life will engage young people in schools, communities and prisons to steer them away from gangs, crime and anti-social behaviour.

Visit www.2020change.org

Award for Masuma the role model



A YOUNG woman who is involved in outreach work with a youth charity in Poplar has been presented with an award for being a positive role model and making an outstanding contribution to the community.

As well as being a leader at Streets of Growth, a charity which specialises in steering young adults away from dropping out of education or engaging in criminal behaviour, Masuma Yasmin (above) runs a nail and henna enterprise.

She was chosen to take part in a nail bar at the Women of the World (WOW) Festival at the South Bank Centre earlier this year, decorating visitors' nails with images of iconic and courageous women across the globe.

Her many skills were recognised at an awards ceremony hosted by voluntary organisation Leaders in Community held at the London Legacy Development Corporation offices in Stratford.

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Bow's fascinating history

Drummers from the dance troupe Alé Douvan (left) signalled the arrival of sugar through slavery, as part of the Bow Voices community performance which portrayed the history of the area.

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'One size doesn't fit all'

"I find art is my language more than words. I have never had problems conceptualising things as pictures."

PHILLIP SINGH, EXPRESSIONS IN ART

Community news

Art, when words can be a struggle

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

A MAN who finds it easier to express himself through art rather than words has won funding for a project to support other people with similar difficulties.

Phillip Singh, who has dyslexia, is being funded by NHS East London and the City to run Expressions in Art, a group aiming to help people express themselves through art.

"I am someone who finds it quite difficult to express myself verbally. I have dyslexia so have struggled most of my life to express ideas and feelings in the way most of the world wants me to," he explained.

"However, I have never had any problems conceptualising things as pictures. I think this approach could be helpful to others. One size doesn't fit all. I find art is my language more than words."

Expressions in Art runs as a self-help group for people who have experienced mental health difficulties.



Phillip Singh (right) with Gary Long

Participants do not have to be good at art but be interested in exploring it as a way to express feelings and emotions. The group plans to explore a range of art styles including contemporary, abstract and pop art.

Gary Long, an employment and vocational adviser for the health trust, is providing support for the group.

Phillip is particularly keen to attract people to the group who may have become isolated due

to mental health issues. He said: "I know how small your world can become when you feel anxious and become withdrawn. Even doing the simplest thing can feel overwhelming."

Expressions in Art takes place every Wednesday at 6.30pm at the Parish of Christ and St John, Manchester Road, Isle of Dogs. For further information contact Phillip at expressionswithart@yahoo.co.uk or call 07956 391913.

A COMMUNITY drama to celebrate Bow, from its past to present, was performed at Bow Church last weekend. Amateur actors and musicians from the area were involved in the production titled Bow Voices on July 6. Among those taking part were young people from East End Shed, Bow School and Central Foundation Girls' School, and members of the Brick Lane Circle and the Gurdwara Sikh Sangat in Harley Grove. Historic highlights included Queen Matilda in the 12th century ordering a new bow-shaped bridge to be built after a dunking in the water at the Old Ford, George Lansbury holding Poplar Council meetings in prison, striking Matchgirls from the Bryant & May factory, the arrival of Bangladeshi sailors and Blitz evacuees in World War II.



Kelly Read as Sylvia Pankhurst leads suffragette singer Jane Collier, cornet player Erin Hiscock and the audience in the March of the Women

From age 7 to 97, there's magic in music

MUSIC-making across the generations took centre stage at the end of a project which united primary school children with residents of an elderly care home and day centre users.

Three groups have been meeting and working with artists from the inter-generational

arts charity Magic Me and trainee music leaders from Spitalfields Music.

The groups have been mapping their local areas and identifying the places that are particularly special for the community.

They presented their work during a performance of

Songlines, which featured music, dance, film, photography, art and words.

Participants between the ages of seven and 97 performed at Hoxton Music Hall last month.

The speaker of the council, Cllr Lesley Pavitt who has adopted Magic Me as one of her charities, was in the audience.

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Mayor's fund is helping students

Students starting higher education in the 2013/14 academic year are being offered help with the costs through the new Mayor's Higher Education Award. For more information visit the website:

WWW.TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK/HIGHER

Schools



Twins Mark (left) and David Fanning with Yusuf Abdul Azeem and a member of teaching staff, proudly showing off their planter

Sowing the seeds

CREATING a floral display was at the heart of an enterprise session for students with special educational needs at Swanlea School Business & Enterprise College.

The annual Blooming Garden Project, run for the school's Nurture Group by Tower Hamlets Education Business Partnership with Spitalfields City Farm, teaches the students about caring for plants and managing a budget. Each group was allocated a budget of £10 to buy plants, a container, soil and water.

They also watched short videos with tips on how to handle and care for their plants, and sowed seeds to get new plants underway.

"The best part is putting the soil on the plants," said David Fanning, 12, while twin brother Mark ladled compost into the container, assisted by 13-year-old Yusuf Abdul Azeem.

Ken McCarthy, enterprise manager at Tower Hamlets EBP and a governor at Swanlea, who led the workshop, said: "This session is always popular with the Nurture Group and we try to harness enthusiasm for the actual planting with elements such as budgeting and plant care, so they learn something they can take into their adult lives."

The workshop was held during a visit by Ofsted inspectors and the Nurture Group was on the list of classes to be observed.

Oxbridge fair proves to be a huge success

BY IAN READ

THE first annual Oxbridge fair has been held in Tower Hamlets as part of a drive to encourage more local youngsters into the country's top universities.

One hundred year 12 students from across the borough were invited to attend the event on Tuesday evening at St Paul's Way Trust School in Bow.

The students invited were those considered to be potential candidates for entrance to Oxford, Cambridge or other Russell Group universities. The council

is keen to increase the numbers of local young people attending top universities. In recent years students have had increasing success and Oxbridge and Russell Group universities are keen to encourage further successful applications.

Last year two students went to Oxford or Cambridge, while 115 students attended a Russell Group university; 69 of these went to Queen Mary, University of London in Mile End.

The council is also trying to encourage students to consider the full range of options at higher education, as they can ex-

pect a broader higher education experience by moving away from home. Currently 83 per cent of stud

ents that progress to higher education in Tower Hamlets stay in London.

The fair was organised by the council and Oxbridge, in conjunction with five more Russell Group universities - Durham, Exeter, Cardiff, Southampton and York.

Students and their parents heard talks from staff about what their universities offered and what they were looking for in applicants, and visited pro-

motional stalls to learn more.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "We want to encourage local students to look at the top universities as a realistic prospect. We want to do everything we can to help young people realise their ambitions and nothing should hold them back from striving for the best."

Cabinet member for schools, families and education Cllr Oliur Rahman said: "I am pleased that the event was a success and that Russell Group universities recognise the talented young people we have here in Tower Hamlets."



Students question leading journalists and editors

The next generation

SIXTY students from Tower Hamlets were among 200 pupils gathered at News International to discuss the future of journalism with leading journalists and editors.

The conference was organised by the Young Journalists' Academy (YJA), which helps state school students get a foot in the door of journalism.

Students had the chance to quiz journalists and other industry professionals, and also to debate some of the most burning journalistic issues and controversies of the day.

Speakers included News International director of communications Guto Harri, the Sun's star TV columnist Ally Ross, and broadcaster Samira Ahmed discussing "Why be a journalist?"

Brendan O'Neill, editor of spiked, spoke about celebrity gossip vs 'public interest journalism' and The Times' comment editor Tim Montgomerie and press freedom champion Mick Hume discussed journalism after Leveson.

YJA director Viv Regan said: "So many young aspiring journalists quizzed the speakers and journalists, cornering them in the break and not letting them go until they had answered their questions and swapped email addresses. Arguments were aired, top tips were shared, and lots of the speakers rightly said that it felt like the next generation of journalists really was sitting in that room."



Mayor Lutfur Rahman officially opened the new playground at Bangabandhu Primary School

Balloon release marks playground celebration

PUPILS and staff at Bangabandhu Primary School abandoned their classrooms to celebrate the opening of their new playground.

The sun was on their side and shining brightly with all lessons being held outside and full use being made of the newly refurbished key stage 2 playground.

Lesson activities included drama, music, weaving, storytelling, pebble painting, drama and even a healthy eating science session using the barbeque area. The children were treated to a Punch and Judy show and



got involved in a science and design/technology workshop.

The playground was officially opened by guests of honour Mayor Lutfur Rahman and the council speaker, Cllr Lesley Pavitt.

Parents, governors and guests from other local schools and the

community joined in the celebration which included a story performance of Going on a Bear Hunt by year 1 pupils with year 4 singing in harmony.

Cllr Pavitt released balloons into the sky holding the wishes of all the children.

Head teacher Susan Tring said: "It was a fantastic day. The staff worked really hard to provide exciting activities.

"I asked the children if they would like it to happen again next year. Most cheered yes; but a few voices said no. No, I enquired. Why? We want it to happen again NEXT WEEK."



Speaker cllr Lesley Pavitt releases balloons



From the sin to Shakespeare

Shoreditch, one of the 'suburbs of sin', was in those times notorious for its debauchery, a home to brothels and gaming houses – the perfect site for the new Theatre in fact.

Got a story to tell?

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History

Luvvies' lawsuits prove 'suburbs of sin' was the home of British theatre

BY JOHN RENNIE

EARLY London theatrical impresarios were an argumentative bunch – and it's fortunate for us that they were. Because a piece of litigation between a group of men – on one side a collection of east London builders, on the other a Stepney innkeeper – provides evidence which may pin down the whereabouts of England's first proper theatre.

For many years, scholars had placed the beginnings of the dedicated acting space at 'The Theatre' in Shoreditch, from which all subsequent theatres take their name.

Famously, this was where the young Shakespeare would be employed as an actor and playwright, as the acting troupes which had travelled England for centuries finally came to put down roots as settled companies.

As in so much in our history, the development of the theatre had as much to do with chance and misguided legislation as planning. The mayor and Corporation of London, who ruled the City with an iron hand, and were excessively fond of banning all manner of ventures not initiated by their guildsmen, decided to ban plays in 1572.

It was supposedly in protection against the plague, with visiting players being deemed in danger of bringing pestilence in to the City, though London (like any town) in any event relied on outsiders to bring in its food every day. More likely, it was the companies' habit of mocking the establishment through their plays that encouraged the ban.

The result was that, just as with the 'stink industries', the companies set up shop to the east of the City walls, in the inns and taverns of Whitechapel, Shoreditch and Stepney. The 'liberties' of Holywell in Shoreditch, at the Clink south of London bridge and at Newington Butts (the modern Elephant and Castle) in rural Surrey were favoured spots, being outside the normal jurisdiction of the law.

Plays had traditionally been performed in the open air; English weather (and a need to perform plays at night) encouraged the obvious move inside to the taverns. But these weren't built for the purpose, and the increasingly complex stage directions and desire for sensation and special effects led to the construction of the playhouse – with

“Theatres set up shop to the east of the City walls, in the inns and taverns of Whitechapel, Shoreditch and Stepney, outside of the normal jurisdiction of the law.”

a stage on which the actors could be seen from the back of the auditorium, trapdoors from which villains and supernatural beings could magically rise, and gods into which fairies and sprites could magically be hoisted.

Shoreditch, one of the 'suburbs of sin' was in those times notorious for its debauchery, a home to brothels and gaming houses – the perfect site for the new Theatre in fact. And here, in 1576, John Brayne (listed in court documents as a grocer, but previously the licensee of the Red Lion pub) went into business with his son-in-law James Burbage.

The problems started almost immediately, and predictably were over money. Burbage should probably have known better. Court documents almost record that Brayne had only recently resolved another legal battle over a mortgage with one of his brothers-in-law.

And a few years before that, in 1567, we have court records of Brayne suing his builders over alterations to the Red Lion pub – alterations which were designed to convert the hostelry into a playhouse.

The detailed court depositions, which list Brayne's complaints about his builders' workmanship, also describe the work they were doing.

The men would build "...within the court or yard lying on the south side of the garden belonging to the messuage or farmhouse called and known by the name of the sign of the Red Lion (about the which court there are galleries now building), situate and being at Mile End in the parish of St Mary Matfellow, otherwise called Whitechapel without Aldgate of London, sometime called Stark's House, one scaffold or stage for interludes or plays."

The papers go on to list the construction



(Left) Actor-manager Richard Burbage, whose legal spat with father-in-law John Brayne, helped to establish the origins of British theatre

(Below left) The Burbage family paid a gang of workmen to dismantle their Whitechapel theatre, rebuilt it in Southwark and renamed it the Globe

there. The old farm had been converted into a single-gallery, multi-sided theatre, with a permanent stage (40ft by 30ft) standing 5ft above the audience.

The tower would serve not just for aerial stunts but to advertise the plays. The whole venture cost Brayne £20. But while it was a commercial success, the relative remoteness of the venue from London meant audiences were unwilling to brave the muddy Middlesex lanes, especially in winter.

Since the documentation came to light some 30 years ago, scholars have argued whether the theatre was at the modern junction of Whitechapel and Cambridge Heath Roads, or perhaps further west, on the southern side of the main road and close to where the Royal London Hospital now stands. The listing of the area as 'Miles End' gives the confusing impression that the Red Lion may have stood a mile east of the City.

One thing looks very likely though: the Theatre (and The Curtain which followed hard on its heels) were not London's first playhouses – The Red Lion, failure though it turned out to be, had beat them by nine years or so.

Brayne had learnt one lesson: the importance of location in the success of any business. And so Brayne and actor-manager Richard Burbage went into business together, but this venture too would end in tears and one of the most remarkable moonlight flits in history.

Brayne died in 1586, the lawsuits began anew, with his widow Margaret suing the Burbages for half The Theatre. Worse, Giles Allen, who owned the land on which The Theatre stood, was demanding £30 to hand over the leases.

The Burbage family took drastic action. On the night of December 28 1598, they employed a gang of workmen to dismantle The Theatre and move it to Bridewell in Southwark. There it was rebuilt and renamed the Globe. The travelling theatre had returned to London, briefly at least.



of a tower (the cause of much subsequent grief and frustration for Brayne). All the elements of the rudimentary theatre were

A range of services

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Council information

Tower Hamlets forward planner

TOWER Hamlets Council produces a forward plan every month detailing the key decisions it will take, together with the details of

the author, and consultation undertaken. It can be found in Idea Stores, libraries, One Stop Shops and council offices or at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/data/your-council/data/forward-plan/forward-plan.cfm

Meetings

Tuesday, July 16

6.30pm: Licensing sub-committee

Items for consideration include applications for new premises licences for Cheeky Nails, 1st floor, 64-66 Redchurch Street, E2 and Zara Bros, Unit 1, Bleadon House, 11 Burdett Road, E3. For more information call 7364 4120 or email simmi.yesmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Wednesday, July 17

5.30pm: Development committee

The agenda includes plans to demolish buildings at Bow Wharf next to Regents Canal and Old Ford Road, E3 and build three blocks for housing; and change of use of office/warehouse to primary school at 11 Solebay Street, E1. Contact 7364 4877 or email zoe.folley@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Thursday, July 18

5.30pm: Strategic

development committee
Contact Zoe Folley for details (see left).

Tuesday, July 23

5pm: Licensing sub-committee

Contact Simmi Yesmin for details (see left).

5.30pm: Overview & scrutiny committee

For details call 7364 4333 or email angus.taylor@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Wednesday, July 31

5.30pm: Cabinet

For more information call 7364 4651 or email matthew.mannion@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Details are accurate at time of going to press. Agendas are available online a week before meetings, which are at the Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 2BG, except Cabinet.



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Setting kids up for a healthy life

MORE than 200 people gathered to celebrate the success of schools and nurseries in improving the health and wellbeing of children in Tower Hamlets.

The event was held at the Waterlily in Mile End Road and organised by the council's Healthy Lives team. It brought together pupils, head teachers and staff from the borough's schools and nurseries.

It was a celebration of the achievements through the Healthy Schools and Healthy Early Years initiatives, which are aimed at helping children eat healthily and live active lives both at home and at school.

Ninety-one per cent of schools in the borough have the Healthy School Award – a national accreditation – or are working towards it. This is the highest ever number of Healthy Schools in the borough and signals just how strongly schools are committed to the health and wellbeing of their pupils.



Children plant beans at the Healthy Schools event

Healthy Schools and Healthy Early Years are a major part of initiatives in the borough to reduce childhood obesity. Currently just over 40 per cent of year 6 children are either overweight or obese.

The Healthy Early Years Award, which is targeted at children from birth to five, is currently awarded to 77 day

care settings, nursery schools, childminders and playgroups. Healthy packed lunches, cookery clubs and father-and-son physical activities are just some of the projects they have set up.

At the event on July 2, guests were able to share ideas with other schools, win prizes and children could make their own smoothies powered by children's pedalling on bikes.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "The Healthy Lives team is doing a fantastic job of working with schools to ensure local children live healthily."

"My recent announcement that all reception and year 1 pupils would receive free school meals from September is all part of our efforts to improve the health of our children."

Cabinet member for schools, families and education Cllr Oliur Rahman added: "Tower Hamlets residents will benefit for generations to come as today's children pass on their knowledge to their children in the future."

Planning

E1

Flat 34 & 35, Collingwood House, Darling Row – conversion of two 2-bedroom flats into one 5-bedroom flat.

51 Commercial Street – prior notification of change of use from shop to financial and professional services effective from 21.6.13.

Flat 26 & 27, Delafield House, Christian Street – conversion of one 1-bedroom flat (No. 26) and one 2-bedroom flat into one 4-bedroom family-sized flat.

E1W

185 Thomas More Street – application for prior approval for the extension of dwellings.

E3

Flat 6, Broxbourne House, Empson Street – single-storey extension on Devas Street side.

57 Tredegar Square – side return extension over basement and ground floor and interior remodelling.

E14

400 Manchester Road – full-width, single-storey, rear extension, 4.8m depth from

rear of property and 4 metres at highest point (using materials to match existing house).

1 Paul Julius Close – request for screening opinion as to whether a Reuters Docklands Technical Centre development requires an environmental impact assessment.

This is not a definitive list of all current planning applications. For more details go to the council's website at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk and click on Planning & Building.

Drug treatment providers

Community Drug Team

Substitute prescribing, key working, health screening & referral to residential treatment. 71 Johnson Street, E1.

7790 1344

www.lifeline.org.uk

Nafas

Support with a focus on Bangladeshi community. The Davenant Centre, 179-181 Whitechapel Road, E1 7377 0676.

Harbour Recovery Centre

In-patient detox for 18+ males. Riverside House, 4th Floor, 20 Garford Street, E14. 7538 9421

Young People's Service

Treatment for under-19s Unit 26, Skyline Village, Limeharbour, E14. 3069 7878 www.lifeline.org.uk

Isis

For women aged over 18 c/o Hopetown Hostel, 60 Old Montague Street, E1. 7426 0399 www.compass-uk.org

Community Alcohol Team

Unit 22, Skyline Village Limeharbour, E14. 0800 008 7200 www.rapt.org.uk

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Planning & development – 7364 5009
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Tower Hamlets Homes – 7364 5015
Healthline – 7364 5016

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Textphone – 18001 101
Hate crimes – 0800 138 0521

General enquiries

For other council enquiries call 7364 5020.

Useful housing numbers

Housing repairs – 0800 376 1637
Tenancy support – 7364 5544
Housing advice (E14) – 7364 7507
Housing advice (E1, E2 or E3) – 7364 3558
Homeless service – 7364 7474
Choice-based lettings – 7364 0244
Homeseekers – 0845 270 2400

Switchboard

If you know the name of the person or department you



POPLAR resident Oliver Lynton spotted this family of ducks along the Limehouse Cut canal recently. If you have photos of your own that you would like to see published in East End Life, email them to eastendlife.news@towerhamlets.gov.uk or send them to Photo Poser, East End Life, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 2BG. They need to be high resolution, at least 1Mb and 300dpi.

need to contact, call the switchboard on 7364 5000.

Town Hall

Town Hall, Mulberry Place,
5 Clove Crescent, E14 2BG.
7364 5000

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Blackwall & Cubitt Town 8721 2877
Bow East 8721 2807
Bow West 8649 3521
Bromley by Bow 8721 2041
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Limehouse 8721 2852

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Millwall 8721 2850
Shadwell 8649 3524
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Weavers 8721 2043
Whitechapel 8649 3520

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Idea Stores

Bow – Gladstone Place, E3.
Canary Wharf – Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, E14.
Chrisp Street – Vesey Path, E14.
Whitechapel – 321 Whitechapel Road, E1. 7364 4332
Watney Market – Commercial E1. 7364 4332
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New school crossing patrols – page 9

SABAAX Gulaid ayaa haatan fulineysa adeega baadbaadinta iyo ka ku gudbinta jidadk carruurta dugsiya hoose ee Bigland.

Sabaax waxay ka mid tahay sedex sarkaal oo ilaalaha oo haatan loo qaataay degmada in ay ka shaqeeyaan badbaadinta carruurta iyo walidiinta markay dugsiya tagayaan iyo marka laga rawxayaba.

Dugsiya hoose ee Malmesbury iyo Mamer ee Bow ku yaal labadaba saraakiil cusub ayaa loo qoondeeyey.

Meeyar Lutfur Rahman, ayaa yidhi: “In dugsiyadu yeeshaan saraakiil ilaalo ah oo carruurta jidka ka talaabisay markay dugsiya tagayaan markay ka rawxayaanba waa lagama maarmaan.

“Waxaan ilaahay ka raajeenayaan in Sabaax ku garab galo doorka cusub ee gashay.”

Ku-xigeenka Mayarka Cllr Ohid Ahmed ayaa isaguna yidhi: “Aad baan ugu faraxsanahay in aan la kulmo ardayda, maa-mulaha dugsiya hoose ee Bigland Green iyo ilaaliyaha cusub ee Sabaax.

“In carruurta heshaa dariiq nabad markay dugsiya tagayaan iyo markay ka soo rawxayaan-



Sabah Gulaid, the new school crossing patrol officer at Bigland Green Primary School

ba waa u muhiim bulshada is-lamarkaana Tower Hamlets waa meelaha ilaa hadda maalgeliya ee shaqaaleeya ilaalada carruurta.”

Maamulaha dugsiya Bigland Green Abdul Hayee Murshad ayaa yidhi: “Run ahaantii carruurta dugsiya way soo dhaweyeen Sabaax. Waxaanu qabana kulan gaar ah oo carruurta iyo shaqaalaha aanu

ku barayne Sabaax, taasi oo dhammaan laga wada mabsuuday.”

Dugsiya waxaa kale oo cusub Isku talaabtaa zebra oo dibada ah, taasi oo ka caawinaysa Sabaax hawlaheeda.

Faahfaahin dheeraad ah fadlan kala xidhiidh Donovan Thomas 7364 2221 amma email donovan.thomas@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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The first annual Oxbridge fair – see page 12

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অক্সফোর্ড, ক্যামব্রিজ অথবা রাসেল গ্রুপের অন্যান্য ইউনিভার্সিটিতে ভর্তি সুযোগ পেতে পারে এমন সম্ভাবনা রয়েছে এমন শিক্ষার্থীদেরই আমন্ত্রণ জানানো হয়েছিলো এই অনুষ্ঠানে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল এবং অক্সব্রিজ এর যৌথ উদ্যোগে আয়োজিত ঐ অনুষ্ঠানে রাসেল গ্রুপের পাঁচটি ইউনিভার্সিটি - ডারহাম, এক্সটার, কার্ডিফ, সাউদাম্পটন এবং ইয়র্ক ইউনিভার্সিটি অংশ নেয়।

শীর্ষস্থানীয় ইউনিভার্সিটিতে অধ্যয়নরত বারার শিক্ষার্থীদের সংখ্যা বাড়তে বিশেষভাবে অগ্রহী টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল। সাম্প্রতিক বছরগুলোতে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের ছাত্র ছাত্রীদের বছরগুলোতে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের ছাত্র ছাত্রীদের সাফল্যের হার অনেক বেড়েছে। অক্সব্রিজ এবং রাসেল গ্রুপ ইউনিভার্সিটিগুলো এই সাফল্যকে স্বীকৃতি দিয়েছে এবং সফল আবেদনকারীর সংখ্যা আরো বাড়তে তারা বিশেষভাবে অগ্রহী।

গত বছর টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের দুই শিক্ষার্থী অক্সব্রিজ অথবা ক্যামব্রিজ ভর্তি হওয়ার সুযোগ পেয়েছে। আরো ১১৫ জন সুযোগ পেয়েছে বিশ্বখ্যাত রাসেল গ্রুপের ইউনিভার্সিটিতে, ৬৯ ভর্তি হয়েছে কুইন মেরিতে। উল্লেখ্য, রাসেল গ্রুপ হচ্ছে স্ব-বাহাইকৃত গ্রুপ, যারা যুক্তরাজ্যের ২৪টি শীর্ষস্থানীয় ইউনিভার্সিটিকে প্রতিনিধিত্ব করে থাকে।

উচ্চশিক্ষার সকল সুযোগ গ্রহণে যাতে স্থানীয়

শিক্ষার্থীরা উদ্বুদ্ধ হয়, সেজন্য কাউন্সিল সর্বাঙ্গিক প্রচেষ্টা চালাচ্ছে, যাতে করে তারা নিজের বাড়ি থেকে অন্যান্য গিয়ে উচ্চ শিক্ষা গ্রহণের অভিজ্ঞতা অর্জন করতে পারে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ এর মেয়র, লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, আমরা অধিক সংখ্যক স্থানীয় ছাত্র ছাত্রীকে শীর্ষস্থানীয় ইউনিভার্সিটিতে অধ্যয়নের অগ্রহী করতে চাই। আমাদের তরুণরা যাতে তাদের স্বপ্নকে বাস্তবে রূপ দিতে পারে, এবং কোন প্রতিবন্ধকতা যাতে তাদের জীবনের এগিয়ে চলার পথকে রুদ্ধ না করে, সেজন্য আমাদের পক্ষে যতটুকু করা দরকার, আমরা করে যাবো।

তিনি বলেন, ‘মেয়রস্ হায়ার এডুকেশন এওয়ার্ড’ চালু করার একটি অন্যতম প্রধান কারণ হচ্ছে এটি। এই স্কীম আমাদের বারার উচ্চ শিক্ষায় অগ্রহী শিক্ষার্থীদের ইউনিভার্সিটির ব্যয়ভার বহনে সাহায্য করবে।



Sukhjit Sanghera of Tower Hamlets Public Health (left), Dr William Bird, director of Intelligent Health, and Cllr Abdul Asad try out the swipe system in Mile End Park

মাইল এন্ড পার্কে হাঁটার জন্যে নতুন পথ

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এক অনুষ্ঠানের মাধ্যমে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে পায়ে হাঁটার পথ খুলে দেয়া হয়েছে। বারার বেশ কিছু বাসিন্দা এই উদ্বোধনী অনুষ্ঠানে অংশ নেন বলে জানানো হয়েছে।

পায়ে হাটা শরীরচর্চার একটি বিশেষ অংশ এর জন্যে ব্যায়ামাগার বা জিম'এ যেতে হয় না। আর এর জন্যে কোন অর্থ ব্যয় করতে হয় না। হাটার উপকারিতা হচ্ছে এর মাধ্যমে শরীরের ক্যালরি কমানো সম্ভব।

মাইল এন্ডের পার্কের হাঁটার পথে নতুন প্রযুক্তির মাধ্যমে কতটুকু পথ হেঁটেছেন এবং নিজেদের ফিটনেস সম্পর্কেও সত্যিকার ধারণা লাভ

করতে পারবেন।

পার্ক হাটার পথ ব্যবহারকারীদের একটি সুযোগ কার্ড দেয়া হবে এই কার্ডের মাধ্যমে ঘরে বসে কোন কোন রুটে চলাচল করেছেন এর উপর ভিত্তি করে ফিটনেস ও ক্যালরি বার্ণ করার ফলাফল জানতে পারবেন। বাসিন্দারা ফিটনেস টেস্টে অংশ নেন এবং তরুণরা ইকোলজি প্যাভিলিয়নে আমোদ - প্রমোদে মেতে উঠেন।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান বলেছেন, হাটার মাধ্যমে খুব ভাল ভাবে শরীরচর্চা করা যায় এবং নিজেকে সুস্থ ও সবল রাখা সম্ভব।

তিনি বলেন, হাটা সকলের বয়সের মানুষের জন্যে শরীরচর্চার সহজ পদ্ধতি। এই ব্যাপারে কতটুকু চাপ গ্রহন করা যাবে তা নিজে নিজে নির্ধারণ করা যায়।

হেলথ এন্ড ওয়েলবিয়িং এর কেবিনেট মেম্বর কাউন্সিলর আব্দুল আসাদ এ ব্যাপারে বলেছেন, যে কোন বয়সের বাসিন্দারা হাটার মাধ্যমে শরীরচর্চায় অংশ নিতে পারবেন। তিনি আরো বলেন, শরীরকে সবল রাখার জন্যে এক মাইল হাঁটুন এবং দেখুন কত পার্কের কত ধরনের সুযোগ রাখা হয়েছে।



৪ শতাধিক লোকের অংশ গ্রহণে কর্মসংস্থান মেলা অনুষ্ঠিত

স্থানীয় জনসাধারণের জন্য কী ধরনের শূণ্যপদ, এপ্রেন্টিসশীপ ও ট্রেনিং সুবিধাদি রয়েছে, তা জানতে ৪০০ শতাধিক বাসিন্দা গত সপ্তাহে অনুষ্ঠিত কর্মসংস্থান মেলায় যোগ দেন। ১ জুলাই বেথনাল গ্রীণের ইয়র্ক হলে আয়োজিত এই জব ফেয়ার এ মূলত কন্সট্রাকশন ইন্ডাস্ট্রিতে বারার তরুণ জনগোষ্ঠির কর্মসংস্থানের কথা দিকে অধিক নজর দেয়া হয়। - বিস্তারিত নীচে

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স্থানীয় জনসাধারণের জন্য কী ধরনের শূণ্যপদ, এপ্রেন্টিসশীপ ও ট্রেনিং সুবিধাদি রয়েছে, তা জানতে ৪০০ শতাধিক বাসিন্দা গত সপ্তাহে অনুষ্ঠিত কর্মসংস্থান মেলায় যোগ দেন।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিলের এমপ্লয়মেন্ট এন্ড স্কিলস্ সার্ভিসের উদ্যোগে জবসেন্টার গ্রাস এর সহযোগিতায় ১ জুলাই বেথনাল গ্রীণের ইয়র্ক হলে আয়োজিত এই জব ফেয়ার এ মূলত কন্সট্রাকশন ইন্ডাস্ট্রিতে বারার তরুণ জনগোষ্ঠির কর্মসংস্থানের কথা দিকে অধিক নজর দেয়া হয়।

নির্বাহী মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান এই মেলায় যোগ দেন এবং অনুষ্ঠানে বক্তৃতাকালে তিনি বলেন, গত তিন বছরে কাউন্সিল, জবসেন্টার গ্রাস এবং এর অন্যান্য পার্টনার হাজার হাজার স্থানীয় বাসিন্দাকে চাকুরি খুঁজে পেতে সাহায্য করেছে। এরই ফলশ্রুতিতে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে ২০১০ সালের চেয়ে প্রায় ৮ হাজারেরও বেশি লোক বর্তমানে চাকরি-বাকরি করছেন।

অনুষ্ঠানে মেয়রের সাথে আরো উপস্থিত ছিলেন, কাউন্সিলের জবস্ এন্ড স্কিলস্ বিষয়ক কেবিনেট মেম্বর, কাউন্সিলর শফিকুল হক। তিনি বলেন, কর্মসংস্থান সম্পর্কিত যাবতীয় তথ্যাদি ও পরামর্শ প্রদান এবং বিভিন্ন ধরনের এম্পলয়মেন্ট প্রোগ্রাম পরিচালনার মাধ্যমে কাউন্সিল কর্মসংস্থানের হার ৬২ শতাংশে উন্নীত করতে সক্ষম হয়েছে, যা সর্বকালের সেরা অর্জন।

এই কর্মসংস্থান মেলায় কাউন্সিলের ডিসেন্ট হোমস্ কর্মসূচি বাস্তবায়নকারী ঠিকাদারী কোম্পানীগুলোর বিভিন্ন ক্ষেত্রে ৭ শতাধিক পদে কর্মসংস্থানের সুযোগ তুলে ধরা হয়। কন্সট্রাকশন বা নির্মাণ শিল্পের ব্যাপারে প্রচলিত নেতিবাচক ধারণার অবসান ঘটাতে এবং বেশি সংখ্যক বাসিন্দা যাতে এই সেক্টরে নিজেদের কেরিয়ার গড়ে তুলেন, সেজন্য তাদের উদ্বুদ্ধ করতে কাউন্সিল বিশেষভাবে অগ্রহী।

উল্লেখ্য, ডিসেন্ট হোমস্ কর্মসূচির আওতায়



Mayor Lutfur Rahman and Cllr Shafiqul Haque chat to a jobs fair visitor

কাউন্সিল মালিকানাধীন বাড়ি-ঘরের ভিতর ও বাইরের উন্নয়ন নিশ্চিত করা হচ্ছে।

আগামী দশ বছরের মধ্যে গোটা লন্ডনের বিল্ডিং ডেভেলপমেন্টের ৩৫ শতাংশই হবে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের ভেতরে ও আশেপাশে। কিছু কিছু উন্নয়ন প্রকল্প ২০ বছর পর্যন্ত চলবে বলে ধারণা করা হচ্ছে। নির্মাণ শিল্প হচ্ছে খুবই প্রবৃদ্ধিশীল শিল্প, যেখানে স্থানীয় বাসিন্দাদের জন্য রয়েছে বহু ধরনের কর্মসংস্থানের সুযোগ।

গত তিন বছরে স্কিলসম্যাচ নামের কাউন্সিলের জব ব্রোকারেজ সার্ভিস ৭ হাজার লোককে কর্মসংস্থান বিষয়ে সাহায্য করেছে। এর মধ্যে ৩ হাজার জন পেয়েছেন ট্রেনিং এবং ২ হাজার লোককে দীর্ঘমেয়াদী চাকুরিতে যোগদানে সহায়তা করা হয়।

স্কিলম্যাচস্ এর সার্ভিস টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের বাসিন্দাদের জন্য ফ্রি। তারা কর্মখালি বিষয়ে যাবতীয় তথ্যাদি, এবং ট্রেনিং ও এপ্রেন্টিসশীপ সুবিধাদির তথ্যাদি সরবরাহের পাশাপাশি নিয়োগদাতাদের সাথে চাকুরি প্রত্যাশীদের যোগাযোগ রক্ষায় কার্যকর ভূমিকা পালন করে থাকে।

মেলায় যোগদানকারী ২৩ বছর বয়সী মোহাম্মদ রব বলেন, আমি ইলেক্ট্রিশিয়ান হতে আগ্রহী। স্কিলম্যাচের সাথে কথা বলেছি। তারা খুবই সাহায্যকারী। তারা আমার জন্য একটা এপয়েন্টমেন্ট বুক করে এবং কন্সট্রাকশন ইন্ডাস্ট্রির বিভিন্ন পদে আমার জন্য কোন সুযোগ আছে কিনা তা নিয়ে কথা বলে।

মেলায় আগত ২২ বছর বয়সী আরেক তরুণ

ওয়ালিস লী’র মন্তব্য হচ্ছে এমন, “ভিন্ন ধরনের কর্মসংস্থানের সুযোগ সম্পর্কে একটা সাধারণ ধারণা নিতে আমি এসেছি। কয়েকটা স্টলে আমি কথা বলেছি এবং তাদের লিফলেট নিয়েছি। এখন আমি আমার অবসর সময়ে সকল তথ্যাদি যাচাই করে দেখবো।

প্রিচার্ড মালান্স বলেন, কর্ম খালি সম্পর্কে আমি অনেক তথ্য পেয়েছি। এছাড়া স্কিলম্যাচের সাথে আমি নিবন্ধিত হলাম আজ, তারা সতিাই খুব সাহায্যকারী।

উল্লেখ্য, কাউন্সিলের এম্প্লয়মেন্ট এন্ড ইন্টারপ্রাইজ স্ট্র্যাটেজি’র অংশ হিসেবেই এই কর্মসংস্থান মেলায় আয়োজন করা হয়। স্কিলম্যাচ সম্পর্কে আরো তথ্য জানতে হলে ০২০ ৭৩৬৪ ৩৭২৭ নাম্বারে ফোন করতে অনুরোধ করা হয়েছে।

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মাহে রামাদান উপলক্ষে

মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমানের বাণী

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ বারার নির্বাহী মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান পবিত্র মাহে রামাদান উপলক্ষে প্রদত্ত এক বাণীতে মুসলিম কমিউনিটি সহ সকল কমিউনিটির মানুষদের রামাদানুল মোবারক জানিয়েছেন।

এক বার্তায় তিনি বলেন, মুসলমানদের কাছে বছরের সবচেয়ে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ও বরকতময় মাস হচ্ছে এই রামাদান। এই মাসে ধর্মপ্রাণ মুসলমানরা সূর্যোদয় থেকে সূর্যাস্ত পর্যন্ত সিয়াম সাধনা করে থাকেন।

তিনি বলেন, আত্মসংযম, অনুকম্পা ও ক্ষমা লাভের মাস রামাদান। এ মাসে ভ্যাগ স্বীকারের শিক্ষার মাধ্যমে আত্মার পরিপুষ্টি ঘটে ও সর্বশক্তিমান আল্লাহ’র নৈকট্য লাভের সুযোগ হয়। এই মাসে আমরা আত্ম মানবতার কল্যাণে নিজেদেরকে নিয়োজিত করি। মানুষের কল্যাণে কাজ করার সুমহান চেতনা আমাদের সকলের জন্য খুবই গুরুত্বপূর্ণ।

তিনি বলেন, আমাদের রয়েছে বহু ধর্ম-সংস্কৃতি-কৃষ্টির কমিউনিটি এবং আমাদের কমিউনিটিতে পারস্পরিক শ্রদ্ধা ও শান্তিপূর্ণ সহাবস্থান নিশ্চিত করতে আমরা ঐক্যবদ্ধ।

মাহে রামাদান প্রত্যেকের জীবনে বয়ে আনুক শান্তি, সবার জীবন হয়ে গুঁঠক মঙ্গলময় এই প্রার্থনা করেন তিনি।

স্বাস্থ্যসম্মত উপায়ে রোজা

রাখার ওপর বুকলেট প্রকাশ

পবিত্র রমজান মাসে রোজা রেখেও কিভাবে স্বাস্থ্য সম্মত জীবন যাপন করা যায়, সেসম্পর্কে উপদেশ, পরামর্শ ও খাদ্য নির্দেশিকা সম্বলিত একটি প্রচার পুস্তিকা বা বুকলেট প্রকাশ করা হয়েছে।

বাংলা, ইংরেজী ও সোমালী ভাষায় প্রকাশিত এই বুকলেটটিতে স্বাস্থ্য সম্পর্কিত পরামর্শ, রোজার সময়কালীন খাবার দাবার সম্পর্কিত সুপারিশ এবং দীর্ঘদিন ধরে যারা নানা রোগে ভোগছেন, তাদের জন্য প্রয়োজনীয় নির্দেশনা-বলী রয়েছে। কর্মশালায় উদ্বোধনী অনুষ্ঠানে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের নির্বাহী মেয়র, লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, গ্রীষ্মের এই লম্বা দিনে রোজা হওয়ায় এনাজী লেবেলকে ধরে রাখতে রাতে যথাযথ খাবার গ্রহণ ও প্রচুর পরিমানে পানীয় পান খুবই গুরুত্বপূর্ণ। পুরো রমজান মাসে এই বুকলেটটি প্রত্যেক রোজাদারকে স্বাস্থ্য সম্মত জীবন যাপনে সহযোগিতা করবে।

উল্লেখ্য, কমিউনিটির ৩০ হাজার লোককে টার্গেট করে বুকলেটটি ২০০ ইমাম ও ধর্মীয় নেতৃবৃন্দের কাছে পৌঁছে দেয়া হচ্ছে। অনুষ্ঠানে কেবিনেট মেম্বর ফর হেলথ এন্ড ওয়েলবিয়িং, কাউন্সিলর আব্দুল আসাদ বলেন, রোজার মাসে ফল ও সজী সহ পর্যাপ্ত ফাইবার, কার্বোহাইড্রেট ও প্রোটিন খেলে স্বাস্থ্য সুরক্ষিত হবে।

ডিরেক্টর অব পাবলিক হেলথ টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্, ডাঃ সোমেন ব্যানার্জি বলেন, আপনি যদি অসুস্থ হন, তা হলে রোজা রাখার আগে আপনার জিপি সাথে চিকিৎসা ব্যবস্থা নিয়ে কথা বলাটা আপনার জন্য খুবই গুরুত্বপূর্ণ। পাবলিক হেলথ ডিপার্টমেন্ট এবং ইস্ট লন্ডন মঞ্চ এর যৌথ পার্টনারশীপে ফেইথ ইন হেলথ (এফআইএইচ) কর্মসূচি পরিচালিত হচ্ছে।

কাউন্সিলের ফোকাস গ্রুপ

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের ফোকাস গ্রুপের সভা ১৬ই জুলাই বা ২৫ শে জুলাই অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। এই সভাগুলো সকালে, অপরাহ্নে বা সন্ধ্যায় অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। ১৬ বছরের উর্ধ্বে যে কোন ব্যক্তি ৯০ মিনিট স্থায়ী ফোকাস গ্রুপের সভায় অংশ নিতে পারবেন।

যারা ফোকাস গ্রুপের সভায় অংশ নিতে চান তাদেরকে নাম, ঠিকানা, ই-মেইল, টেলিফোন নম্বর এবং কোন তারিখে উপস্থিত থাকতে চান তা এই ই-মেইলে general.enquiries@towerhamlets.gov.uk জানানোর জন্যে অনুরোধ করা হয়েছে। যারা এই ফোকাস গ্রুপের সভায় অংশ গ্রহন করবেন তাদেরকে ৩০ পাউন্ডের ভাউচার উপহার দেয়া হবে।

ওয়াপিং বাংলাদেশি

এসোসিয়েশন

ওয়াপিং বাংলাদেশ এসোসিয়েশনের দ্বি-বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা সংগঠনের চেয়ারপার্সন নওরোজ চৌধুরির সভাপতিত্বে অনুষ্ঠিত হয়, সভা পরিচালনা করেন কাউন্সিলর আব্দাল উল্লাহ। সভায় সংগঠনের বার্ষিক ও আর্থিক রিপোর্ট পেশ করা হয় বলে জানানো হয়েছে।

বিজিএমে সংগঠনের নতুন কমিটি গঠন করা হয়েছে। এতে সভাপতি পদে নওরোজ আহ-মদ চৌধুরি এবং সাধারণ সম্পাদক পদে কাউন্সিলর আব্দাল উল্লাহ এবং কোষাধ্যক্ষ পদে নির্বাচিত হয়েছেন আবু নছর মো: ইয়াহিয়া।

বিজিএমে স্থানীয় ওয়ার্ড কাউন্সিলর শফিকুল হক এবং কাউন্সিলর ডেনিস জোস উপস্থিত ছিলেন ও তারা বক্তব্য রাখেন।

ভিক্টোরিয়া পার্ক ব্যবহারের

উপর সমাবেশ

শারীরীক অক্ষমতাসম্পন্ন লোকজন বা ডিজএ্যা-বল ব্যাক্তিবর্গদের ভিক্টোরিয়া পার্ক ব্যবহার এর ব্যাপারে তাদের অভিজ্ঞতা জানার জন্যে সম্প্রতি কাউন্সিলের উদ্যোগে এক সচেতনতামূলক সভার আয়োজন করা হয়েছিল। এতে শতাধিক ডিজএ্যাবল লোকজন অংশগ্রহন করেছিলেন।

মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান এ ব্যাপারে মন্তব্য করতে গিয়ে বলেছেন প্রতিটি মানুষের প্রদত্ত সুযোগ-সুবিধা ভোগ করার প্রত্যাশা রয়েছে এবং কাউন্সিল দীর্ঘমেয়াদি রেসিডেন্সিয়াল কেয়ারের মাধ্যমে তথ্য ও পরামর্শ দিয়ে শারীরীক অক্ষমতা-সম্পন্ন লোকদের সহযোগিতা প্রদান করতে বদ্ধপরিকর।

হেলথ ও ওয়েলবিয়িং এর কেবিনেট মেম্বর কাউন্সিলর আব্দুল আসাদ বলেছেন, বাসিন্দাদের নিকট থেকে অভিমত পাওয়া খুবই গুরুত্বপূর্ণ শারীরীক অক্ষমতা সম্পন্নলোকেরা পার্কটি উচ্চহারে ব্যবহার করতে পারেন তা দেখে আমি সন্তুষ্টি লাভ করছি।

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উচ্চ শিক্ষা অনুদানের জন্য প্রথম সপ্তাহে প্রায় ২০০ জনের আবেদন

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বারার উচ্চ শিক্ষায় আগ্রহীদের ইউনিভার্সিটির ব্যয়ভার নির্বাহে সহযোগিতার লক্ষ্যে সম্প্রতি চালুকৃত মেয়রসং হায়ার এডুকেশন এওয়ার্ড – এর জন্য প্রথম সপ্তাহে প্রায় ২০০ জন আবেদন করেছেন।

১ জুলাই সেমবার সকাল ৯টায় আবেদন গ্রহণ কার্যক্রম শুরু পরপরই বিপুল সংখ্যক শিক্ষার্থীর আবেদনের মধ্য দিয়ে এটাই প্রমাণিত হলো যে, নতুন এই স্কীম তাদের জন্য কতটুকু প্রয়োজনীয়। মেয়রসং হায়ার এডুকেশন এওয়ার্ড নামের এই ধরনের স্কীম সারা দেশে এটাই প্রথম। বারার ৪ শত শিক্ষার্থী যারা ২০১৩/১৪ শিক্ষা বর্ষে ইউনিভার্সিটিতে যাবে, তাদের শিক্ষা ব্যয় ভার নির্বাহে প্রত্যেককে ১,৫০০ পাউন্ড করে অনুদান প্রদান করা হবে।

এ প্রসঙ্গে কাউন্সিলের চিলড্রেন, স্কুলসং এন্ড ফ্যামিলিজ বিষয়ক কেবিনেট মেম্বর, কাউন্সিলর অলিউর রহমান বলেন, গত সপ্তাহে যে বিপুল

সংখ্যক শিক্ষার্থী গ্র্যান্টের জন্য আবেদন করেছে, তাদেরকে অনুম্বরণ করে বারার সকল শিক্ষার্থীকে আগামী শিক্ষা বর্ষে ইউনিভার্সিটিতে অধ্যয়ন শুরুর করার জন্য আমি আহ্বান জানাচ্ছি।

তিনি বলেন, আগ্রহীদের মধ্যে বিতরণের জন্য আমাদের রয়েছে ৪০০টি গ্র্যান্ট এবং আমরা একটিও অবিতরণকৃত থাকুক, তা চাই না। ৯৬ আবেদন করার শেষ সময় ১১ অক্টোবর। যদি আবেদনকারীর সংখ্যা ৪ শয়ের বেশি হয়, তাহলে কিছু বিষয় বিবেচনা করে গ্র্যান্ট লাভের উপযুক্ত আবেদনপত্র বাছাই করা হবে। www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/higher - এই ওয়েবসাইট ভিজিট করে স্কীম সম্পর্কে যাবতীয় তথ্য এবং এপ্লিকেশন ফর্ম পাওয়া যাবে। আরো জানতে ০২০ ৭৩৬৪ ৫০০১ নম্বরে ফোন করে অথবা benefits@towerhamlets.gov.uk - এই ইমেইলে বেনিফিট টিমের সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন

প্যারেন্টিং প্রোগ্রামে অংশ গ্রহণকারীদের

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It’s the parents’ turn to graduate

অনেক অনেক আগে শিক্ষা জীবনের ইতি ঘটলেও গত সপ্তাহে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ বারার ৯০ জন অভিভাবক তাদের নিজস্ব প্রোজেকশন অনুষ্ঠান উপভোগ করেন।

৮ জুলাই যে সকল বাবা মা ও অভিভাবক সাফল্যের সাথে প্যারেন্টিং কোর্স সম্পন্ন করেন, তাদের মধ্যে আনুষ্ঠানিকভাবে সার্টিফিকেট বিতরণ করেন টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের স্পিকার, কাউন্সিলর লেজলি প্যাভিট।

১৫টি প্যারেন্টিং কোর্সের সমাপনী উপলক্ষ্যে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিলের প্যারেন্ট এন্ড ফ্যামিলি সপোর্ট সার্ভিসের উদ্যোগে ওসমানী সেন্টারে আয়োজন করা হয় বিশেষ এই অনুষ্ঠানের।

এছাড়া একটি ভিডিও ডকুমেন্টারীতে কর্মশালায় অংশগ্রহণকারী অনেক অভিভাবক তাদের অভিজ্ঞতা তুলে ধরা হয়।

ক্যাটি ব্রাউন নামের একজন প্যারেন্ট

প্রোজুয়েট বলেন, আমি সার্টিফিকেট গ্রহন করতে পেরে খুবই আনন্দিত। তবে তার চেয়েও বেশি খুশি এই প্যারেন্টিং কোর্সে অংশ নিয়ে, যা আমার মধ্যে ব্যাপক পরিবর্তন আনতে সাহায্য করেছে।

রুবনা আহমেদ নামের আরেকজন অভিভাবক বলেন, প্যারেন্ট প্রোগ্রামে অংশ নেয়ার ফলে আমি আমার সন্তানদের সাথে রুটিন অনুযায়ী প্রতিদিন পরিচালনা করতে সক্ষম হচ্ছি। আমার বাচ্চাদের আচরণও অনেক ভালো হয়েছে এবং জীবনটাও এখন আগের চেয়ে অনেক শান্ত এখন।

তিনি প্যারেন্টিং প্রোগ্রামের অধীনে আয়োজিত কোর্সে অংশ নিয়ে অভিভাবকরা প্রোজুয়েট হওয়ার গৌরব অর্জন করতে পারেন। বাচ্চাদের আচরণকে নিয়ন্ত্রণাধীন রাখা এবং তাদেরকে স্থানীয় কমিউনিটিতে আরো বেশি করে ইতিবাচক ধারায় সম্পৃক্ত হতে উদ্বুদ্ধ করার মতো করে এই কোর্স গুলো ডিজাইন করা হয়েছে।

On this month's walk, **Graham Barker** takes you around some creative businesses and innovative architecture in northern Bethnal Green. Photos by **Kois Miah**.



THIS corner of Bethnal Green is almost a showcase for different models of housing over the past two centuries – from Georgian villas to Peabody flats, from Victorian live-work units to modern social housing.

As you explore, you'll also encounter thriving local businesses, including a printing co-operative, organ maker and workshops crammed with creative enterprises.

We start this month's walk at Cambridge Heath station. After crossing Hackney Road, follow Cambridge Heath Road northwards. Soon there is an eye-catching spectacle – ten colourful mushrooms sprouting from the office rooftop on the other side, created by street artist Christiaan Nagel. Works by other artists feature around the canal walls.

Immediately before the Regent's Canal, head left along Corbridge Crescent. This area (1) – bound between the canal and Hackney Road – has a distinctive, industrial character. Four canal-side gasholders – the oldest dates from 1865 – were erected by the Imperial Gas Works to store gas generated in Shoreditch.

Empress Coaches occupies a bow-fronted office, clad in creepers. The business is still run by the Stanton family, who first introduced the No 8 bus service in the 1920s. The street opens into The Oval. Here you'll find other enterprising small businesses, such as the design and print co-operative Calverts – celebrating 35 years this year – and laboratory glassware supplier A J Cope.

A few steps along, St Casimir's Roman Catholic Church (2) incorporates large port-hole windows. It serves a Lithuanian congregation, and inside there's a memorial to Father Joseph Mantvila, a priest here who perished on The Titanic shortly after the church opened in 1912.

Look to the left, over car repair yards, and there's a glimpse of the derelict shell of Chandler's Wiltshire Brewery, abandoned after the Blitz. Towards the end of the walk, you'll see the brewery's fancy façade on Hackney Road.

Cross Hackney Road with care. On the corner of Treadway Street the Shahporan Masjid and Islamic Centre (3) was designed by local architectural practice MakeSpace and

(Above) Screen printing at the Temple Street workspace

(Right) Faded art deco glamour of Empress Coachworks



A showcase of

Walk of the month: Northern Bethnal Green



features metallic mesh inspired by Turkish tilework. Alongside – inscribed into the entire flank wall – is an advertisement for Tann's Reliance locks and burglar-proof safes, a family business that prospered here for over 180 years.

Keeling House (4) towers over Temple Street. This sixteen-storey 'cluster block' – with maisonettes angled out from a central service tower – was designed by Denys Lasdun to maximise sunlight and privacy. Keeling House was controversial when erected in the late 1950s – a time when building 'streets in the sky' was considered the way forward – but it has since become a landmark admired by architectural aficionados.

Turn left between the copper-clad terraces on Teesdale Street (5). This award-winning development of 77 homes – completed in 2009 by Tower Hamlets Community Housing – redefined the traditional streetscape. Copper beeches in Mansford Street complement the finish. Further along, St Peter's Church (6) – with knapped flint walls and a slender tower – was one of ten new churches commissioned by James Blomfield, Bishop of London in 1839; more churches, the bishop argued, would



A view of the canal

improve the social and moral condition of local residents. Together with St Matthew's and St John's, the 12 'Apostle churches' of Bethnal Green were a remarkable experiment in social and religious reform.

From workshops in the former school buildings, Mander's builds and restores organs – with fine craftsmanship – for Oxbridge colleges, concert halls and cathedrals throughout the world, from the US to Japan.

Retrace a few steps and – opposite the rectory garden – stroll through the Avebury East estate, with its blocks named after fish such as elver, grayling and mullet. Along the way, you'll discover the flourishing Zander Court community centre gardens.

Now veer left, in the shadow of the copper-clad Verdigris Apartments, along a pathway to Mansford Street. Oaklands Secondary School – clustered around the junction, with a bridge spanning Old Bethnal Green Road – specialises in science and languages.

From here there's a glimpse of the former Congregational chapel (7) along Mansford Street. The handsome Romanesque façade incorporates a large wheel window and decorative brickwork. Built in 1880, it was later sold to the Unitarian church – hence why the nearby housing blocks are named after



A craftsman at work at Mander Organs

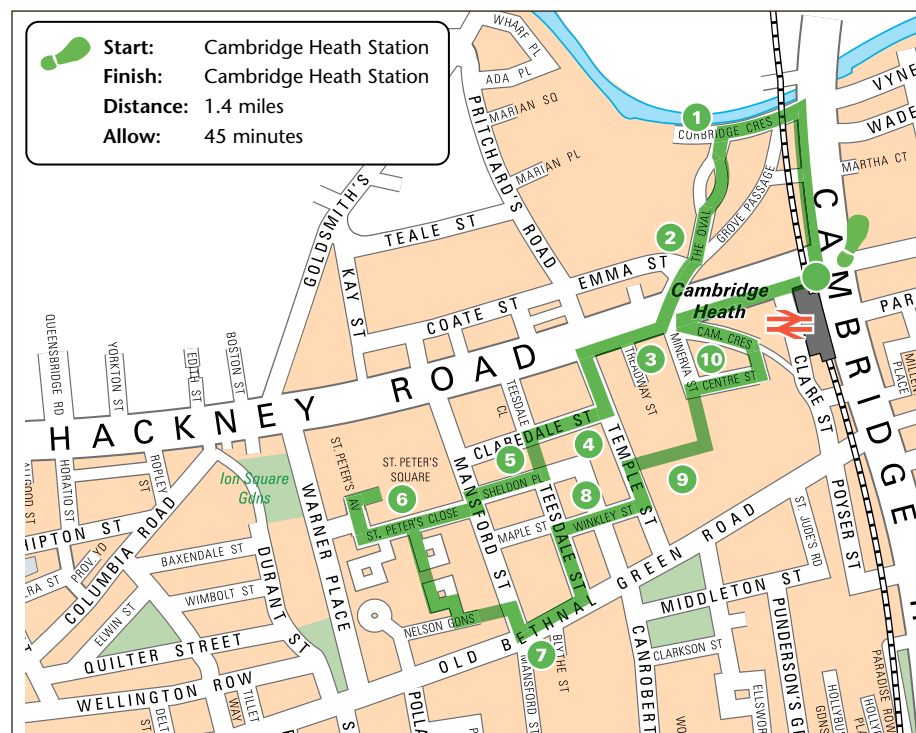


Old petrol pumps in the yard at Empress Coaches



(Top) The facade of Chandler's Wiltshire Brewery in Hackney Road; (Above) St Peter's Church

times gone by



prominent Unitarians, including Charles Dickens, philosopher Jeremy Bentham and sanitary reformer Thomas Southwood Smith.

In Teesdale Street, you enter the Winkley Estate (8), a speculative development of four blocks completed by brothers Charles and Henry Winkley in 1904. It was designed with local furniture makers in mind – with high-fronted shops on the outer streets, warehousing, and terraces in the centre.

Small workshops – originally used by cabinet-makers, upholsterers and French polishers – nestle in gated courtyards behind. On Temple Street, peek through the gates at Crown Works – now home to screen printers, skateboard designers and other creative enterprises.

Opposite Crown Works, cut along the footpath into the Minerva Estate (9), the LCC's first large development after the war. Built

at a time of national austerity, the housing blocks were constructed – cost-effectively and quickly – out of pre-fabricated concrete slabs, and named after Trojan War characters such as Nestor, Hector and Achilles.

In the centre of the estate, the Minerva Community Centre is a base for the Aspire Foundation – a social enterprise providing estate management, business support and training to local residents.

Beyond the sports pitch, veer left to the Peabody Estate (10), which stands out in striped red and yellow brickwork. George Peabody – an American-born banker and philanthropist – established the Peabody Trust in 1862 with a £150,000 donation. His aim was to "ameliorate the condition of the poor and needy of this great metropolis, and to promote their comfort and happiness" by providing decent housing.

Built in 1910 – and the first Peabody blocks to have large numbers of self-contained flats – the Bethnal Green dwellings sit around a triangular courtyard and play space.

After exploring, rejoin Hackney Road. A ghost sign for Hartcraft Modern Upholstery fades into the wall opposite.

As you head back to Cambridge Heath station – opened in 1870 for the Great Eastern Railway – look out for the blind windows and inverted staircases picked out in the station brickwork, a final curiosity at the end of your walk



Images by Alan Fraser (above) and Christine Hall (below)

Terraces, tenements and tower blocks

IN the spring, Graham Barker and photography tutor Natalie Clarke ran a Heritage Lottery Fund project on housing heritage in Bethnal Green.

Local residents used old maps, photo archives and other historical records to explore how the area has developed. Visit www.bethnal-greeninfocus.org to see the photo gallery, slideshows and project blog recording their discoveries.





Senegal son

Cissoko brings his blend of blues, jazz, rock and hip hop to Rich Mix.

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Royal arrivals through the ages



See a cap worn by Charles I, a cotton vest and lace mitten worn by George III and a selection of shoes and tiny booties owned by Queen Victoria's children at the the Museum of London.

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Out & about guide

What's on where this week

Dance

Argentinian tango E14

Class. Sat 2-5pm. £5. St John's Community Hall, 37 Glengall Grove, E14.
7538 3852

Ballroom/Latin American

Fri, 2-4pm, £2.50, 20p refreshments.
Kingsley Hall, Powis Road, E3.
8550 1392

Belly dancing

Beginners' belly dancing classes.
Sats, 2-3pm, £6.
Oxford House,
Derbyshire Street, E2.
07796 850506

Brazilian dance classes

Thurs, 1-2pm. £2 per class.
Alpha Grove Community Centre, Alpha Grove, E14.
7538 1714
www.danceartuk.com

DanceArt Project

Ballet for children every Thurs, 3-5 years, 4pm; ages 6-9, 5pm.
Alpha Grove Community Centre, Alpha Grove E14 8LH.
07402 022736

Energize4GirLz

South African gumboot dancing.
Every other Saturday from 11am-12:30pm.
St Pauls Shadwell Church,
302 The Highway, E1.
energize4girlzdance@gmail.com

Free classes in dance aerobics

Thurs, 5.45-6.45pm; and

Event

Tower of London Open Foreshore 2013

Head down to Tower Beach (in suitable footwear) and have a go at mudlarking and other activities. Free.
Sat & Sun, Jul 27 & 28, times vary.
Tower of London, Tower Hill, EC3.
www.thamesdiscovery.org

Exhibitions

Showcase Cities

Showcase Cities last monthly show; a live movement triptych written and directed by Andrea Ling. Free.
Weds, Jul 17, 6pm,
Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1.
https://www.facebook.com/events/143744425826983

Myth and Market

Artists exhibit their work with a strong – and literal – tie with the materiality of place.
Weds–Sun, until Aug 4, 12-6pm or by appointment.
studio1.1, 57a Redchurch Street, E2.
www.studio1-1.co.uk

A Royal Arrival

A new display delving into the museum's collection to showcase baby clothes and memorabilia worn by earlier new arrivals from Charles I to



Lovebox. Three days of flamboyant mayhem set against the backdrop of the people's park. Line-up includes Disclosure, Jazze B and Azealia Banks (Fri), Mark Ronson, Plan B and Aluna George (Sat) and Lil Kim, Kelis and Hurts (Sun) plus art installations and amazing food. From £35. Fri-Sun, Jul 19-21, times vary. Victoria Park, E3. Mamacolive.com/lovebox

George III and Edward VII. Free.
Until Oct, 10am–6pm.
Museum of London, 150 London Wall, EC2.
www.museumoflondon.org.uk

Film

Rooftop Film Club

More outdoor cinema including an Alfred Hitchcock double bill – Psycho

and new biography Hitchcock. £12.
Throughout July, times vary.
Queen of Hoxton, 1-5 Curtain Road, EC2.
www.rooftopfilmclub.com

Kids

New Generation Youth Festival

Three mini musical plays created and written by Young & Talented students and relevant to the lives of young

people today. The Switch Witch and the Dragon is by 6- to 8-year-olds, The Mystery Island is by ages 9-12 and The Game of Life is by 13- to 16-year-olds. £10 (£5 concs).
Sat, Jul 20, 2.30pm & 7pm.
Oxford House Theatre,
Derbyshire Street, E2.
www.youngandtalented.co.uk

Music

Noumoucounda Cissoko

Hailed as the new Jimi Hendrix of Africa, Senegalese musician Cissoko goes on his debut UK tour with a mix of blues, jazz, rock and hip hop.
Thurs, Jul 18, 8pm.
Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1.
www.richmix.org

Theatre

Festen

Friends and family gather for a celebration in the country. Helge, the respected and successful patriarch, is turning 60 and looking forward to basking in the adoration of his loved ones. The revelry is underscored by revelations! £14/£10.
Until Fri, Jul 19, 7.30pm.
The Space, 269 Westferry Road, E14.
www.space.org.uk

creative dance fitness, Fri,
11am-12noon. All levels welcome.
Alpha Grove Community Centre, Alpha Grove, E14.
7538 1714

Green Candle Youth Dance Co

Ages 11-14. Tues, 4-5.30pm, free.
Oxford House, Derbyshire

Street, E2.
7739 7722

Green Candle Senior Dance

Over-60s, no experience needed.
Tues, 10.30am-12pm, free.
Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, E2.
7739 7722

Salsa

For dancers of all experience, beginners welcome, followed by dancing until midnight. Prices vary.
Every Tues & Weds, 7.30-9.30pm.
The Urban Bar,
176 Whitechapel Road, E1.
07932 658861

Zumba classes

Every Tues 11.15am-12.15pm.
Healthy living sessions every Fri, 11am-3pm.
St Matthias Community Centre, 113 Poplar High St, E14.
7515 8362

Kids

Ballet for children

Every Thurs, 4pm for ages 3-5, 4.40pm for ages 6-8.
Alpha Grove Community Centre Alpha Grove E14.
7538 1714

Children's dance classes

Tap, ballet and modern jazz

classes.
Thurs, 4-6pm, term-time only. £1.50.
Dockland Settlements,
197 East Ferry Road, E14.
7093 3146

Dance play

Dance and movement for parents/carers and children aged 1-5. Tues, 1.45-2.45pm, £1.50 (concessions available).
Language of Dance Centre, Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, E2.
7749 1131

Deaf after school club

For ages 5-12. Mon-Fri, 4-6pm.
Tower Project,
45-55 White Horse Road, E1.
naima@towerproject.org.uk
7790 9085

Kids' creative dance classes

For ages 2-16. Tues afternoons and Sat mornings. £36 per term/£24 concs.
Chisenhale Dance Space, 64-84

Chisenhale Road, E3.
8981 6617
www.chisenhaledance space.co.uk

Pollyanna Training Theatre

Drama and musical theatre for ages 4-16 in Wapping, E1.
7481 1911

Rhyme time

Thurs, 2-3 pm.
Watney Market Idea Store,
30-32 Watney Market, E1.
7790 4039

Young & talented?

Performing arts group for 6- to 16-year olds. Sats, 10.30am-1.30pm, term-time.
Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, E2.
8556 5348

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Out & About

Dreams of a better life

A DREAM Across the Ocean is a new British musical that celebrates the faith and determination of the West Indian community.

Showing at the Hackney Empire, it tells the story of Winston Morgan who leaves Jamaica in 1960 and comes to London to start a better life for his family as part of the Windrush generation.

The play shows how Winston struggles to settle, his lonely early years without the love of his life Annie, his enduring friendship with Patrick Mulligan, and how his faith and determination helps him create a new life in a cold strange land.

This new musical is directed by Ray Shell and produced by Samuel Facey and Dave Prince.

The musical is on Saturday, July 20 from 6.30pm and Sunday, July 21 from 4.30pm. Visit <http://www.adreamacrosstheocean.djmrp.com> or call 8985 2424.



A YEAR on from the London 2012 Games opening ceremony, the Queen Elizabeth Park Olympic Park is staging another spectacular.

Among the many attractions will be Turner Prize-winning artist Jeremy Deller's replica of

Stonehenge, a life-size inflatable bouncy castle replica of the monolithic ring of stones.

After touring the UK last year, it finally appears in the former Olympic Park as part of the Open East Festival on July 27 and 28.

The festival is a weekend of

international music, food, theatre, family fun, art and much more. It includes a host of international music acts and also promises to be a fantastic day out for all the family with The House of Fairy Tales and their Travelling Art Circus, an encounter with Joey from

the National Theatre production War Horse, and a production of Ted Hughes' The Iron Man.

For ticket prices go to www.ticketmaster.co.uk/openeastfestival For the latest programme and information, visit <http://noordinarypark.co.uk>

News in brief

Enjoy the Classics at Canary Wharf

CANARY Wharf is hosting a celebration of outdoor theatre on Monday evenings in Jubilee Park where you can watch two classic plays.

Shakespeare is the main focus this summer, interjected with a classic from contemporary playwright Samuel Beckett.

Beckett's Waiting for Godot play on July 15 and Shakespeare's Twelfth Night is on July 29.

All performances are free and start at 6.30pm. For more information, go to www.canarywharf.com

A moving story

RICH Mix cinema has teamed up with Friends of the Earth for the UK premiere of the story of director Daniele Incalcaterra's battle to return land to the Nandeva people.

El Impenetrable is the story of how this untouched piece of the Paraguayan Chaco is fought over by soybean growers, cattle ranchers, oil prospectors and a baffling bureaucratic system.

Film maker Daniele was left 12,355 acres of land in the Chaco by his father, but when he decides to return his untouched land to the indigenous Nandeva people, tensions run high.

El Impenetrable is showing at Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1 on Thursday, July 18 at 8pm and will be followed by a Q&A session.

Tickets cost £7, £5 concessions/students. Call the box office on 7613 7498.

Children at war

THE V&A Museum of Childhood is exploring the role of warfare in children's play from 1800 to the present day.

The exhibition provides an opportunity for visitors to investigate how toys recreate and represent war, and ask them to question the often controversial subject: why do children play war games?

War Games runs until March next year at the V&A Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, E2 – www.museumofchildhood.org.uk

Celebrate Cockney culture

BY SHALINA HUSSAIN

THE borough's massive celebration of Cockney culture kicks off this week encouraging residents and visitors to reminisce, explore, learn about and enjoy its many facets.

Organised by the Cockney Heritage Trust and the council, the nine-day festival was developed in response to reports that traditional Cockney idiom and cultural heritage is 'brown bread' – dying out.



A coronation party in Poplar

The festival boasts more than 50 events including outdoor parties, singalongs, guided walks, film screenings and talks.

Highlights include the launch party at the Local History Library & Archives in Mile End on Thursday, July 18 from 6.30pm. Residents can enjoy traditional Cockney drinks and snacks, stalls hosted by local history groups and short film screenings.

Don't miss Asian East Enders on July 20 at Idea Store Whitechapel from 12 noon – a celebration of British Asian culture in the East End featuring a panel discussion on British Bangladeshi identities curated by Swadhinata Trust.

There'll also be live music from Spex MC, Checkered Faces and King Sour Da MC, and writer Tony White discussing his acclaimed novel Foxy T.

A panel debate at the Local History Library, also on July 20, from 7pm will explore the

rumoured demise of the Cockney and ask what constitutes Cockney identity today.

Join the discussion led by Stepney-born punk and dub musician Jah Wobble, lifelong Limehouse resident Mike Tyrrell from Tower Hamlets Community Housing, writer and historian Linda Wilkinson of Bethnal Green and Isle of Dogs based photographer Anthony Lam.

The festival will wrap up with an old-fashioned 'knees-up' at Bethnal Green Working Men's Club on July 28.

Traditional Cockney performers will take to the stage, some of whom have been plying their trade since the 1950s, followed by dancing into the small hours.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "I am excited to launch this new festival which provides rich opportunities for learning about and celebrating the borough's traditional heritage, as well as encouraging debate around

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The programme of events

what makes us all East Enders."

Cllr Rania Khan, cabinet member for culture, added: "This festival proves that there is more to Cockney heritage than stereotypes. I encourage

everyone to get involved."

Look out for the printed programme in an Idea Store or download it online at www.ideastore.co.uk or www.cockneyheritagetrust.com

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What support can I get with the application form? **Community Development Workers** can help you work on a project application and will be happy to arrange a time to meet with you. To apply, please contact the Community Development Worker in your area of Tower Hamlets.

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Penny's picks are As Good As Meat

Vegetarian blogger Penny Wilson's kids have never eaten meat and have no desire to. "We don't much care what other people eat, so long as we are left to enjoy our food," she says.

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Eating out, eating in

Turkish delights at the café at the corner

BY MUNCHING MAMA

THE Corner Café on Roman Road is popular and rightly so – with delicious food at a reasonable price, and cheerful service.

It has the camaraderie and informality of a greasy spoon, and the food of somewhere much classier (and healthier).

The menu is Anglo/Turkish: big breakfasts, burgers, wraps, and sandwiches, with plenty of grilled halloumi, houmous and avocado appearing.

We managed to get a table for four, got the kids strapped into their booster seats and ordered from the blackboard menu on the wall.

As a vegetarian, I was delighted to have an appetising choice of food – I eventually decided on the halloumi and mushroom burger (with chips) for £6.50. And I didn't regret it, though I saw someone else served the Turkish breakfast and it looked fabulous!

Peckish Papa had the standard breakfast, which he found an enjoyably meaty feast for £6. He also loved the sourdough toast, which we think is from the Pavilion in Vicky Park.

We asked for a non-standard plate of food for the toddlers to try out, and it was prepared with a smile.



The Corner Café has the camaraderie of a greasy spoon with a healthy menu

They had some wrap bread, grilled halloumi, feta and baked beans. They tried a bit of everything, and enjoyed most of it – and I can't say I was sorry to tidy up some of the left-overs! The falafel were particularly scrumptious.

There was no room for the buggy inside, and the cafe isn't 'family friendly' in the sense of kids meals, high chairs or changing tables.

But it is very friendly place, and we felt very welcome with two toddlers, even on a busy Saturday lunchtime.

I'm sure everyone feels comfortable there – it certainly seemed to be attracting a wide range of customers for brunch, lunch, or just coffee to go.

The Corner Café is at 140 Roman Road, E2 . Tel: 8981 1404.

Cheesey delight made for cooking

MANY people are experimenting with meat-free meals. Meat is expensive and we are not always sure that we are being sold what we want to buy.

Veggie food is easy and delicious and puts meat dishes to shame!

One secret of a meat-free meal is halloumi, a sheep milk cheese from middle eastern and Greek cuisine.

It is readily available in this area, either in supermarkets or corner shops. It should cost between £2 and £2.50 a block.

Unlike most cheeses, it is made for cooking.

Halloumi has a salty flavour and toothsome texture, and is a great substitute for bacon in a sandwich or meat with potatoes and veg.

Once you have got used to cooking it, you can become a little bolder. Try cutting into 1cm squares and frying in olive oil, then serving on a platter with lightly poached sliced apricots cooked with a few flakes of red chilli, sprinkled with toasted pine nuts and garnished with a tiny bit of chopped fresh mint.

Simply cooked halloumi cheese

Ingredients

Olive oil

One pack of halloumi cheese

Method

1. Open the vacuum packed wrapper over the sink – there will be a watery liquid which you need to drain off.
2. Remove the slab of cheese from the wrapper. It feels kind of squeaky and rubbery! Cut into slices a little under a centimetre in thickness.

3. Heat a little olive oil in a frying pan. Place cheese slices and allow to cook until they start to brown. This happens quickly so keep an eye out to stop it from burning. When golden brown, turn over each slice carefully to brown the other side.
4. Pat the excess oil off each slice with kitchen roll.

By Penny Wilson, vegetarian blogger
www.asgoodasmeat.com

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BETTY MAY GRAY CHARITY GRANTS 2013

We are pleased to announce that the Betty May Gray Charity grant is running again this year. The charity was established in 1930 and is administered by Gateway Housing Association.

Over the years the Betty May Gray Charity has assisted many Tower Hamlets community groups and tenant associations to enhance the quality of life for residents living in their communities; especially those who are considered to be in a condition of need, hardship or distress. Priority is given to those groups that have limited access to funds.

This year the fund has been matched equally by Gateway. This means a total of £9000 providing a grant of up to £800 per group.

Further details and an application form can be obtained from:-

Lucia Deere, Resident Involvement Officer

Tel: 020 8709 4360/4381

Email: involvement@gatewayhousing.org.uk

The closing date for applications is
Friday 16th August 2013.

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**We encourage
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to apply.**



What is Poplar Harca?



Poplar Harca is a registered social landlord that owns and manages around 9,000 homes in Poplar. It also runs community activities through its network of neighbourhood centres.

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Did you know...

On average, Britons shower 4.4 times a week, and take 1.3 baths. An average shower lasts 7.5 minutes.

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Property



Hot water contributes £228 to the average annual energy bill

Three steps to lower bills

THE Energy Saving Trust is urging residents to follow three simple tips to save water and energy, without impacting on their lifestyle.

The advice follows the publication of a report earlier this month about the huge amounts of water – nine billion litres – that households use every day.

At Home with Water was based on a survey of 86,000 UK households which showed that showers were the biggest consumers of water in the home, using a quarter of the total – three per cent more than lavatories (22 per cent).

But the Energy Trust says that showering for just a minute less than the average seven-and-a-half minutes would save Tower Hamlets households £790,000 on energy bills each year.

And the trust says the average household in the borough could save £22 on their annual energy bills, with metered households saving an additional £13 on their water bills, by taking just three small steps:

■ install an eco-shower head to

a mixer or power shower, which 49 per cent of households may be eligible to do

■ wash clothes at 30 °C, saving 40 per cent on a wash at 50-60°C

■ boil only the water you need when you fill the kettle – overfilling costs Brits £68 million a year.

Andrew Tucker, water strategy manager at Energy Saving Trust, said: "When people think of energy use they think of heating and lighting, running electrical appliances or filling the car with petrol. It's all too easy to turn on the tap and not think about the consequences.

"On average, hot water use contributes £228 to the average annual combined energy bill.

"By reducing the amount of water – especially hot water – that we use, we can cut down on the energy demands of our lifestyles, which have changed radically over the last 50 years. Following these three simple steps will help reduce the energy and water bills of consumers."

For more information visit <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/> or call 0300 123 1234.

Harca's ASB innovation

BY STAFF REPORTER

HOUSING provider Poplar Harca showcased its internationally recognised model for tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) at a conference in Canary Wharf.

The ASB Exchange conference heard how effective partnership work and resident engagement can tackle anti-social behaviour and increase confidence.

Speaking about restorative justice intervention, Ray and Vi Donovan from Surrey told delegates how it had brought them face-to-face with three young men convicted of murdering their son, Christopher, in an unprovoked attack. "In that meeting they changed from animals into humans and we could move on," the Donovans said.

Poplar Harca uses legal tools effectively to stop offending



Poplar Harca's ASB Exchange conference

behaviour, and then supports victims and witnesses to understand what happened, and with offenders to try to stop it happening again.

Many of the initiatives have helped to strengthen community resilience – and make financial sense, a spokesman said.

Working with the police, it saved £600,000 in legal fees by tackling squatters on out-of-hours joint patrols and, by providing a family intervention project, it has saved an estimated £3 million in five years.

In another scheme, the housing association has seconded

a fire officer from the London Fire Brigade to work with the ASB team – in just three months there has been a 43 per cent reduction in incidents requiring a fire service response compared with last year, saving more than £95,000.

The conference was attended by 85 delegates from all over the country.

Andrea Baker, director of housing at Poplar Harca, said: "Residents always tell us that feeling safe where they live is their priority. Year-on-year satisfaction with our ASB service and the proportion of residents feeling safe have increased – both now at over 95 per cent."

One of the delegates, barrister Andrew Lane, said: "All lawyers and judges should attend such events to understand that saying you are a landlord doesn't begin to describe your commitment, range of work and community involvement."

What next for Chrisp Street Market?

THE company involved in regenerating Chrisp Street Market in Poplar is inviting people living in the area to have their say about its future.

Property management company Capital Properties, working with landlord Poplar Harca, is asking residents to complete a survey to shape how Chrisp Street evolves.

The purpose-built market square,

created for the Festival of Britain in 1951, will remain at the heart of the scheme which will see the creation of a new food shopping destination and new outside eating areas, improve the area to benefit local businesses and provide a mix of private and affordable homes.

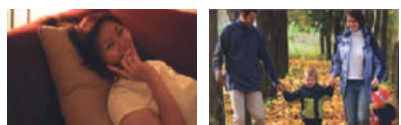
Leisure, health and fitness, cultural, commercial and retail space, with communi-

ty and new public spaces, is also planned.

Everyone filling in the survey will be entered into a prize draw to win £100 worth of Love 2 Shop Vouchers.

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Category	Description
A Wheelchair Accessible	Purpose built to meet most recent wheelchair housing standards
B Partially Wheelchair Accessible	Designed to older wheelchair housing standards
C Life time Homes	Specifically designed to create an accessible and adaptable home
D Easy Access	Designed to be spacious with no steps to the property
E Step-free	General housing with no steps to the property
F General Housing	Does not meet requirements for other categories
G Not assessed	Property not yet had access survey

Vulnerable applicants who need help and information regarding their housing application and with finding suitable accessible and/or adapted homes, contact the Lettings Client Support Team on 020 7364 0204 / 0206 / 0209.



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Permit Transfer Scheme: for residents moving to 3 bedroom or larger social rented car free homes

The Mayor of Tower Hamlets introduced the new Permit Transfer Scheme (PTS) to operate from 5 September 2011 to help to reduce the levels of overcrowding in social rented housing in the borough. The PTS helps some families move to larger social rented car free homes by allowing them to retain one on-street resident car parking permit, subject to the PTS criteria as outlined below being met. The PTS is a change in the operation of the Council's existing on-street Residents' Parking Permit Scheme.

CAR FREE HOMES No on-street residents' parking permits issued

The Council's 'car free homes' planning policy was introduced in Tower Hamlets in the late 1990s to help reduce traffic congestion and better manage the limited supply of on-street parking spaces. This initiative also helps to reduce the level of air pollution from motor vehicles and encourages more people to walk, cycle and go by public transport.

The Transport for London (TfL) Cycle Hire scheme (www.tfl.gov.uk/cycling) and local pay-as-you-go car clubs (www.carplus.org.uk) are also now available in Tower Hamlets to help you get around in healthier, greener ways.

If you live in a car free home, you will not be able to apply for on-street residents' car parking permits, unless you hold a disabled driver's blue badge or are eligible under the Permit

Transfer Scheme (PTS), which is targeted at social rented housing residents. The criteria for the PTS is as follows:

1. applies to residents moving to 3 bedroom or larger social rented car free homes;
2. only one on-street resident parking permit per household is permitted;
3. you must have held your on-street car parking permit for at least 1 year prior to moving home;
4. your on-street parking permit must be renewed and **not lapse to remain eligible** under the scheme;
5. the tenant is responsible for providing proof of PTS eligibility to Parking Services (including a duly signed and dated Tower Hamlets Homes or housing association approved tenancy agreement); and

6. the PTS was introduced on (and operates from) 5 September 2011 by Tower Hamlets Council and **is not retrospective**.

Residents in car free homes can apply for a temporary parking permit for visiting trades people for £5 a day. To qualify, written proof of the work to be carried out must be provided, along with the vehicle's details. Each home can apply for a maximum of 20 one-day-permits within a 6 month period.

Alternatively, scratchcards are available for trades people and visitors, providing parking for up to five hours on weekdays and all day on weekends. Households can apply for up to 3 books of 10 scratchcards per year. For permit charges and information, visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/parking



SHELTERED
Accessible Category E
EDITH RAMSAY HOUSE,
DUCKETT STREET, E1
 Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 2nd floor •
 Open plan kitchen • One lift •
 Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C •
 GCH • Shared garden • Pets not
 permitted

Eligibility : Min Client Age 60

£149.34, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Gateway Housing
 Association
Property Ref: 27451



SHELTERED
Accessible Category E
EDITH RAMSEY HOUSE,
DUCKETT STREET, E1
 Flat • 0 Bed 1 Person • 2nd floor •
 Open plan kitchen • One lift •
 Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C •
 GCH • Shared garden • Pets not
 permitted

Eligibility : Min Client Age 60

£137.04, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Gateway Housing
 Association
Property Ref: 27459



OVER 50's
Accessible Category F
ALTON STREET, E14

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 1st floor •
 Separate kitchen • Two lifts •
 Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C •
 GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

Eligibility : Min Client Age 50

£144.81, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Poplar HARCA
Property Ref: 27439



BEDSIT SELF-CONTAINED FLAT
Accessible Category F
GLOBE ROAD, E1

Flat • 0 Bed 1 Person • 1st floor •
 Separate kitchen • No Lift •
 Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C •
 GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£91.44, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council
Property Ref: 27434



BEDSIT SELF-CONTAINED FLAT
Accessible Category F
BUTLER HOUSE, BURDETT
ROAD, E14

Flat • 0 Bed 1 Person • 9th floor •
 Separate kitchen • One lift •
 Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C •
 GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£94.18, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Poplar HARCA
Property Ref: 27453



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category F
CLIFTON HOUSE, CLUB ROW,
E2
 Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 2nd floor •
 Separate kitchen • No Lift •
 Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C •
 GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£107.97, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27448



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category F
CUFF POINT, COLUMBIA
ROAD, E2
 Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 6th floor •
 Separate kitchen • One lift •
 Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C •
 GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£112.54, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27433



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category G
HEYLYN SQUARE, E3
 Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 5th floor •
 Separate kitchen • Two lifts •
 Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C •
 GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£104.01, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27431



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category F
FAIRLIE COURT, STROUDLEY
WALK, E3
 Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 1st floor •
 Separate kitchen • No Lift •
 Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Patio
 • Pets permitted. Small balcony
 Preference to Housing Moves
 applicants

£140.77, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 27428



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
ARBOUR HOUSE, ARBOUR
SQUARE, E1
 Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 4th floor •
 Separate kitchen • No Lift •
 Entryphone • Separate Bathroom
 and W/C • GCH • No garden •
 Pets permitted

£113.14, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27432



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
GOULDMAN HOUSE, WYLLEN
CLOSE, E1
 Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 9th
 floor • Separate kitchen • Two lifts
 • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom
 and W/C • GCH • No garden •
 Pets permitted

£115.52, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27437



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
HATTON HOUSE, HINDMARSH
CLOSE, E1
 Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 7th floor •
 Separate kitchen • One lift •
 Entryphone • Separate Bathroom
 and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets
 permitted with permission

£140.20, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: EastendHomes

Property Ref: 27458



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
COMMODORE HOUSE,
POPLAR HIGH STREET, E14
 Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 2nd floor •
 Separate kitchen • No Lift •
 Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C •
 Check heating on viewing • No
 garden • Pets permitted

£107.92, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27429



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
THERMOPYLAE GATE, E14
 Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 1st floor •
 Separate kitchen • No Lift •
 Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No
 garden • Pets permitted with
 permission . Children must be 10
 years and over

£127.10, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: EastendHomes

Property Ref: 27445



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category G
KELSON HOUSE, STEWART
STREET, E14
 Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 21st
 floor • Separate kitchen • One lift •
 Separate Bathroom and W/C •
 GCH • No garden • Pets not
 permitted

£144.85, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 27443



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
TRITON HOUSE, CAHIR
STREET, E14
 Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 2nd floor •
 Separate kitchen • No Lift •
 Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No
 garden • Pets permitted with
 permission

£127.77, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: EastendHomes

Property Ref: 27435



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
ROBINSON HOUSE, SELSEY
STREET, E14
 Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person •
 Ground Floor • Separate kitchen •
 No Lift • Entryphone • Separate
 Bathroom and W/C • GCH •
 Shared garden • Pets permitted

£131.81, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 27450



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
SHERWOOD GARDENS, E14
 Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • Ground
 Floor • Separate kitchen • One lift •
 Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C •
 GCH • No garden • Pets not
 permitted

£125.62, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Southern Housing
 Group

Property Ref: 27427



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
JOHNSON HOUSE, ROBERTA
STREET, E2
 Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 1st
 floor • Separate kitchen • Two lifts
 • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom
 and W/C • GCH • No garden •
 Pets permitted

£114.12, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27436



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category D
NAPIER HOUSE, CAMPBELL
ROAD, E3
 Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 5th floor •
 Open plan kitchen • One lift •
 Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C •
 GCH • No garden • Car free home
 • Pets permitted with permission
 FIXED TERM TENANCY for those not
 currently holding an Assured/Secure
 social housing tenancy

£151.04, Weekly - Social Rent
 Landlord: Swan Housing
 Association

Property Ref: 27444



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
WAGER STREET, E3

Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted with permission

£138.84, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: EastendHomes

Property Ref: 27430



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
GRAFTON HOUSE, WELLINGTON WAY, E3

Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 21st floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • Electric storage heater • No garden • Pets permitted with permission . Children must be 10 years and over

£137.14, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: EastendHomes

Property Ref: 27440



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
BRODICK HOUSE, SAXON ROAD, E3

Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 4th floor • Kitchen diner • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • Electric storage heater • No garden • Pets permitted . Concierge/CCTV

Eligibility : Homeless Permanent

£146.65, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27449



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category G
HINDLE HOUSE, ARCOLA STREET, E8 (LB HACKNEY)

Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted

£108.78, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Southern Housing Group

Property Ref: 27455



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
LIPTON ROAD, E1

Maisonette • 3 Bed 4 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

Eligibility : Transfer List

£155.93, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27441



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category G
GRANTLEY STREET, E1

House • 3 Bed 5 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • Private garden • Permit parking • Pets not permitted . Additional WC

£147.70, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Peabody

Property Ref: 27442



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category G
RUSSELL HOUSE, SARACEN STREET, E14

Flat • 3 Bed 6 Person • 3rd floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

Eligibility : Transfer List

£152.92, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 27456



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
BRUCE ROAD, E3

House • 3 Bed 5 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • Check garden on viewing • Pets permitted . Downstairs Bathroom/WC

£0.00, Rent to be advised
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27447



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Just log on to www.thhs.org.uk



2. Telephone Bidding –
Simply call 0845 270 2400

Reminder

Please respect people's privacy by not attempting to access advertised properties or knocking at neighbouring homes. This causes a nuisance and may distress some individuals.

AFFORDABLE RENT PROPERTIES

Changes to Government policy mean that Housing Associations have been forced to charge higher rents on some properties. In addition not all tenancies will be tenancies for life.

Please note the rent level and length of tenancy offered on the following homes.

You are advised to check the Homeseekers website at www.thhs.org.uk for further information.



Accessible Category E
PARFETT STREET, E1

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Shared garden • Pets not permitted

£207.12, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: Gateway Housing Association

Property Ref: 27452



Accessible Category G
SEXTON COURT, NEWPORT AVENUE, E14

Flat • 4 Bed 6 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted
FIXED TERM TENANCY

£231.36, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 27454



Accessible Category G
COLEBROOK HOUSE, ELLESMERE STREET, E14

Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 4th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£178.38, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 27438



Accessible Category G
WAVERTON HOUSE, JODRELL ROAD, E3

Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 6th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted . Concierge/CCTV
FIXED TERM TENANCY

£196.99, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 27446



Accessible Category G
WAVERTON HOUSE, JODRELL ROAD, E3

Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 10th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted . Concierge/CCTV
FIXED TERM TENANCY

£196.99, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 27457

Health Assessments

Every year we receive many housing transfer applications based on medical needs, i.e. cases where residents wish to move to another property because of their medical problems and consider their current home to be unsuitable.

In order to assess each medical case correctly, all medical applications are assessed by independent health advisors. Once the health advisor has assessed the case they will notify us of their recommendation which will be considered by the lettings team. We will inform the applicant of the decision, if a medical priority has been awarded.

We have published examples of cases where a medical priority has been awarded and some where a medical application has been refused. This will give you a better understanding of the type of medical applications we receive and how they are assessed.

Referrals of applications for a health priority 1 April 2012 - 31 March 2013

Number of assessments at all stages		%
Initial assessments	1817	84%
1st stage appeals	277	13%
2nd stage appeals	64	3%
Total	2158	100%

Results of initial assessments		%
Initial assessments	1817	100%
Emergency	3	0.2%
Extenuating	201	11%
No award	1005	55%
Rejected	14	0.8%
Cancelled	375	21%
Still outstanding	219	12%

Results of 1st stage appeals		%
1st stage appeals	277	100%
Up to emergency	0	0%
Up to extenuating	45	16%
No change	173	63%
Down to extenuating	0	0%
Down to no priority	0	0%
Withdrawn	0	0%
Still outstanding	59	21%

Results of 2nd stage appeals		%
2nd stage appeals	64	100%
Up to emergency	0	0%
Up to extenuating	4	6%
No change	39	61%
Down to extenuating	0	0%
Down to no priority	0	0%
Withdrawn	0	0%
Still outstanding	21	33%

Cases yet to be assessed
include ones where we are waiting for information.

Cases that have been cancelled
are where there has been a change in the applicant's circumstances so they no longer require a medical assessment.

Still outstanding includes requested 3rd party information.

Total number of assessments and awards		%
Total combined assessments	2158	100%
Emergency	3	0.1%
Extenuating	250	12%

Referrals of applications for a health priority 1 April 2013 – 30 June 2013

Number of assessments at all stages		%
Initial assessments	410	83%
1st stage appeals	63	13%
2nd stage appeals	23	4%
Total	496	100%

Results of initial assessments		%
Initial assessments	410	100%
Emergency	4	1%
Extenuating	41	10%
No award	251	61.2%
Rejected	4	1%
Cancelled	108	26.3%
Still outstanding	2	0.5

Results of 1st stage appeals		%
1st stage appeals	63	100%
Up to emergency	0	0%
Up to extenuating	6	10%
No change	57	90%
Down to extenuating	0	0%
Down to no priority	0	0%
Withdrawn	0	0%
Still outstanding	0	0%

Results of 2nd stage appeals		%
2nd stage appeals	23	100%
Up to emergency	1	4.3%
Up to extenuating	4	17.4%
No change	18	78.3%
Down to extenuating	0	0%
Down to no priority	0	0%
Withdrawn	0	0%
Still outstanding	0	0%

Cases yet to be assessed
include ones where we are waiting for information.

Cases that have been cancelled
are where there has been a change in the applicant's circumstances so they no longer require a medical assessment.

Total number of assessments and awards		%
Total combined assessments	496	100%
Emergency	5	1%
Extenuating	51	10%

Case Types

We have given some examples of cases where a health assessment has taken place to give you an idea of how a priority may be awarded. We keep in mind the nature of the health problem and whether the home they live in is suitable.

REJECTED

Applicant recently had a caesarean section.
This is a common operation for which full recovery is expected. It is not a long term substantial illness or disability. The applicants housing would not be a factor so we would not consider it for an assessment.

Applicant's asthma is made worse by other family members cigarette smoke
This is a lifestyle rather than a medical issue. The applicant will suffer from asthma wherever they live and unless the family members stop smoking in the home it will continue to be an issue. We would not consider this for an assessment.

NO PRIORITY

Applicant complaining of back pain. Currently lives in a 2 bed, 3rd floor flat with 2 children under 10.
An OT (occupational therapist) assessment took place. The flat is served by a lift and is on one level with no internal stairs. Therefore the flat is deemed as suitable and no priority is awarded.

Applicant has asthma. Currently lives in a 3 bed, 3rd floor un-lifted flat with spouse and 4 children.
The evidence provided gave the medication the applicant was on and the doctor who assessed the case felt that the Asthma is currently well controlled. There are no reasons why the applicant cannot manage the stairs. Therefore no priority is awarded.

Applicant in 30s diagnosed with arthritis. Current home is a 2 bed 1st floor flat.
An OT assessment took place. The applicant was able to get into their own home and move around it unassisted. Therefore no priority was awarded.

Applicant claims to suffer from recurrent chest infections. Current home is a 1 bed, 4th floor lifted flat.
Current illness is relatively minor in nature and is treated by standard medication. They have a lift. Therefore no priority is awarded.

EXTENUATING

Applicant is in their late 50s and suffering from severe osteo-arthritis. Current home is on the ground floor with four steps to the front door.
This illness is long term and getting around will get harder with time. They cannot manage the four steps so cannot get in or out of the home. A home with no steps inside or outside is needed. It does not have to be ground floor provided there is a lift. Therefore extenuating priority is awarded.

10 year old child with congenital heart defect and epilepsy. Currently resides with his parents in his grandparent's house. The house is overcrowded to the extent that there is no room for essential medical equipment.
Space is required for the medical equipment for this illness which is severe and long term. The house is not suitable and so extenuating priority is awarded.

4 year old child with cerebral palsy. Currently lives in a two bed flat with parents and 2 siblings.
An OT assessment took place. They confirmed that the current home cannot be adapted. Therefore the home is not suitable for the child and extenuating priority is awarded.

Mother of 40 shares bedroom with daughter. One son. She has enduring mental health problems, including bi-polar disorder. Currently lives in 2 bed home.
The nature of her mental illness is such that she needs her own bedroom and the overcrowding would affect her mental state. The home is unsuitable because they need an extra bedroom therefore extenuating priority is awarded.

EMERGENCY

Applicant in their 30s has undergone below-knee amputation because of bone tumour and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. Family home is an un lifted maisonette above the ground floor, with bathroom and toilet upstairs.
Applicant cannot get upstairs so the hospital will not be able to release them as the home is unsuitable. Therefore emergency priority is awarded.

Applicant in their mid 20s has inoperable cancer, currently undergoing radical radiotherapy with care from a known hospice. Current home is on the 3rd floor and un-lifted.
The hospice cannot release them as the home is unsuitable and emergency priority is awarded.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

**THE TOWER HAMLETS (C4 PARKING PLACES)(NO.1) ORDER 2011
(AMENDMENT NO.3) ORDER 2013 NO.30**

**THE TOWER HAMLETS (GOODS VEHICLE LOADING BAYS) (NO.1) ORDER 2011
(AMENDMENT NO. 3) ORDER 2013 NO.31**

**THE TOWER HAMLETS (PERSONALISED DISABLED PARKING PLACES)(NO.1)
ORDER 2010 (AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2013 NO.32**

- NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets propose to make the above-mentioned Orders under the relevant sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by the Local Government Act 1985 and the Traffic Management Act 2004.
- The general effect of the Orders would be in:-
 - MARTHA STREET (North side):-
 - to reduce the Loading Bay nearest Watney Street to 11m.
 - to extend the Pay & Display by 1 space in a Westerly direction.
 - to convert existing Friday bays to Friday and Goods Vehicles Loading Only.
 - to introduce on existing yellow line a Goods Vehicle Loading Bay nearest Sutton Street.
 - BIGLAND STREET:-
 - to change the existing Pay & Display Bay outside No 74 – 88 to Residents Bay.
 - to convert the Friday Only Bay on the south side by the school to a Pay & Display (Cashless) only Bay.
 - to revoke the personalised disabled bays in:-
 - KIRKWALL PLACE:- on the north side, No. THDIS166.
 - NELSON STREET:- on the south side, No. THDIS192.
- The Regulations, fees and usual exemptions imposed by the governing Traffic Management Orders would apply to the proposals referred to in paragraph 2.above.
- A copy of each of the proposed Orders and all relevant documents can be inspected, by prior appointment, at the offices of the at the Parking Services Offices, 585-593 Commercial Road, London E1 0HJ (0207-364 6847), during normal offices hours on Monday to Friday inclusive until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this notice is published.
- Any person desiring to comment on or object to any of the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing of their objection and the grounds thereof, to the above address within the aforementioned period of 21 days.

Date: 15 July 2013

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Public & Legal Notices

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990, SECTIONS 10, 67 AND 73

APPLICATIONS FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT AND APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD IN THE OPINION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY AFFECT THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF AN AREADESIGNATED AS A CONSERVATION AREA OR WOULD AFFECT THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

Unit 2, 9-25 Mile End Road, London, E1 4TW PA/13/1458/GMA
The installation of 2no. new refrigeration plant within acoustic housing; to the rear of the ground floor Subway outlet.

Unit B Arlington Building, Bow Quarter, PA/13/1459/NAS
60 Fairfield Road, London, E3 2UB
Construction of new internal partitions to convert a one bedroom flat to a two bedroom flat.

Site Rear Of 46, Grundy Street, London PA/13/1469/SAE
Redevelopment of a vacant area of disused and overgrown land to provide a four storey development for residential use (facing Duff Street)

Land at Royal Mint Street, Mansell Street and PA/13/1451/RLA
Chamber Street, Royal Mint Street, London
Removal of artwork metalwork railings

Coborn Arms Public House, 6-8 Coborn Road, PA/13/1476
London, E3 2DA
Erection of single storey side extension at rear to existing kitchen with new extract system. Demolition of existing side extension to form increased rear external alfresco dining area and improved access. Demolition and rebuilding of garden wall to enclose alfresco dining. Erection of single storey side/rear extension to existing bar with ladies, gents and disabled facilities.

Flat 203, 210, 303, 305 and 306 Falcon Works PA/13/1463/IOL
Court, 8 Copperfield Road, London, E3 4RT
Replacement of single glazed steel windows with double glazed steel windows.

37 Westferry Circus, London, E14 8RR PA/13/1151/AH
Erection of three internally illuminated box signs above entrance doors and erection of associated signage including vinyls and menu signs on the entrance doors at ground floor level.

35 Woodseer Street, London, E1 PA/13/1507/SHT
Prior notification for the change of use from B1 (office), To (C3) flats on the ground floor, under Class J on an existing 4 storey building, to provide 2no. 2 bedroom flats.

99 Roman Road, London, E2 0QN PA/13/1490/SAH
Variation of planning condition 2 (approved plans) attached to the planning permission ref: PA/10/02642 dated 15/02/2011.

152C Brick Lane, London, E1 6RU PA/13/1496/AWA
New signage to west elevation

152C Brick Lane, London, E1 6RU PA/13/1499/AWA
Sign 1: 'LIFE' fascia sign - cut out metal letters faced with vinyl on the

window box above the main entrance door

Sign 2: Fascia sign consisting of cut out lettering 'FOOD - YOGA - MUSIC' mounted above the entrance door

Sign 3 (quantity: 2): Chalkboard mounted on the building wall

St Clements Hospital, 2 Bow Road, London, E3 PA/13/1532/LB

Planning permission for the redevelopment of the Grade II listed former St Clement's hospital site comprising the part demolition (and infill of associated basements), part refurbishment and change of use of the existing hospital buildings and the construction of eight new buildings between two and nine storeys high to accommodate 252 residential units, 306 sqm (GIA) community floorspace (D1 Use Class), 174 sq m (GIA) commercial floorspace (B1/A2 Use Class), 69sqm (GIA) café/restaurant (A3/A4 Use Class), 32 parking spaces, cycle parking, refuse storage, plant equipment, private and communal amenity space and associated works.

St Clements Hospital, 2 Bow Road, London, E3 PA/13/1533/LB

Listed building consent for the demolition of the Timber Building, Catering Department, Nurses Home and Old Boiler House; the limited partial demolition of the Laundry building, the Bungalow, Administration Block, North Block, South Block, Generator and boundary walls; and the repair and conversion of the retained listed buildings in association with the planning application for the redevelopment of the St Clement's hospital site.

St Clements Hospital, 2 Bow Road, London, E3 PA/13/1534/LB

Conservation area consent for the demolition of unlisted buildings (post-dating 1948) and removal of and works to trees in association with the redevelopment of Grade II listed St Clement's site.

The following are householder applications and in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about these applications will be sent to the secretary of state, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

57 Tredegar Square, London, E3 5AE PA/13/01372 & PA/13/01373/BEE

Side return extension over basement and ground floor and interior remodelling

54 Cardigan Road, London, E3 5HT PA/13/1495/AH

Erection of ground Floor side return and rear extension, first floor rear extension and associated structural works.

Copies of the applications and plans may be inspected between the hours of 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Department, Mulberry Place, Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at the above address.

Dated: 15th July 2013

OWEN WHALLEY

HEAD OF PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL



LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

MAJOR APPLICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 13(4)) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2010 AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT APPLICATIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

St Clements Hospital, 2 Bow Road,
London, E3

PA/13/1532/LB

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Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at the above address.

Dated 15th July 2013

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Public notices

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PREMISES TO BE APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR MARRIAGES UNDER SECTION 26 (1) (bb) OF THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS UNDER SECTION 6 (3A) (a) OF THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004.

I, Joanne Taylor being the proprietor of The East Wintergarden (the premises) give notice that I have applied to the Proper Officer of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for approval of under the above Act as premises where civil ceremonies may take place.

Any person wishing to inspect the application and plans of the premises may do so at The Register Office, Bromley Public Hall, Bow Road, London E3 3AA. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am-11.30am and 2.00pm-4.30pm.

Any person wishing to object the grant of approval may do so in writing, with reasons for the objection, within twenty one

days of the date of publication of the notice. Objections should be sent to the Proper Officer at the above address.

JOANNE TAYLOR
MANAGER
EAST WINTERGARDEN

LONDON BOROUGH OF
TOWER HAMLETS

LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT Hackney WickED Art Festival (DPS Fabio Scarpa) has applied to London Borough of Tower Hamlets Licensing Authority for a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

Premises: Queen's Yard & the Glass Factory (Queen's Yard), Hackney Wick, London

The licensable activities and timings are: License for the supply of alcohol at the above premise at the following times: Fri 16 Aug 13 6pm-9pm; Sat 17 Aug 13 12pm - 10pm; Sun 18 Aug 13 12pm-9pm

Activities: Festival hub for the Hackney WickED art festival 2013 including market stalls, acoustic music stage, food & drinks areas and family friendly entertainment.

Anyone who wishes to make representations regarding this application must give notice in writing to: The Licensing Section, London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Mulberry Place (AH), PO Box 55739, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 1BY.

Website: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk Tel: 020 7364 5008

Representations must be received no later than 09/08/13

The Application Record and Register may be viewed between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday during normal office hours at the above address.

It is an offence under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is up to Level 5 on the standard scale (£5000)



Building for tomorrow

"Most of the youngsters have trained with GB. My job is to build on their skills so one day they can represent their country."

SEMIR AHMED, LEFT

Sport



Semir showing his skills on the water at Docklands Sailing & Watersports Centre

Semir is king of the high seas

BY PETER FAULKNER

WHEN Tim Baillie and Etienne Scott became Great Britain's first gold medallists in the canoe slalom at the London 2012 Olympics, Semir Ahmed must have thought what might have been.

And it was perhaps even more ironic that they should win the gold medal at the new Lee Valley circuit where Semir himself is a familiar face.

Semir, now 25, was at one time one of Great Britain's rising stars, representing his country at both junior and senior level with ambitions to compete in the Olympic Games one day.

But a shoulder injury wrecked his career – however that might have been a blessing in disguise for Tower Hamlets.

Semir, who coaches at the Docklands Sailing & Water-

sports Centre in the old West India Dock, is now the man trying to create tomorrow's gold medal winners.

Semir, who got married in May, is the man grooming the best young canoeists and turning them into the slalom champions of tomorrow.

He has been to all the clubs in the borough and hand-picked the best paddlers to be part of a six-week programme at Docklands Sailing & Watersports Centre for youngsters 16 and under.

"This programme not only unearthed the best young paddlers to represent Tower Hamlets in the London Youth Games, but it was designed to groom them into future champions," said Semir.

"Most of the youngsters on my programme have trained with GB, but not been selected for the GB team.

"My job is to build on the skills they already have so one day they can represent their country. I am proud of the youngsters coming through in Tower Hamlets and surrounding areas. Their potential is endless because they are all so dedicated."

Semir, who was born in Saudi Arabia and came to Britain when he was two, started kayaking at Surrey Docks Watersport Centre when he was ten and just like his current protégé, Ross Dixon, he rose to the top of the sport and began representing GB when he was 15.

He had almost five years of GB success before being chosen for the country as a senior. Sadly this senior status only lasted a year before the shoulder injury ended what was a promising future. Fortunately Semir's talent didn't go to waste and the years he spent training and coaching now benefits others.

OLYMPIC volleyball hero, Phil Smith, joined the Action for Kids beach volleyball event at Canary Wharf on Wednesday passing on tips and joining in the training. Phil, a member of Team GB at last year's Olympic Games, won England's Grand Slam crown with partner Tom Lord and won five titles alongside New Zealander Russel Watson. The event saw 160 tonnes of sand brought onsite to the



waterfront area, to create two beach volleyball courts and a sitting volleyball court.

Phil is pictured above with the Canary Wharf team before practice.

Seventh heaven

Repton Boxing Club's juniors carried on their record-breaking season with seven gold medals in Ireland.

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Sport

Liam and Luan hit the gold trail

Karate

BROTHERS Liam and Luan Veras both struck gold when their father Raphael took a squad of seven from Veras Academy to compete at the Central England Karate Championships on Sunday.

They brought home two gold, one silver and one bronze from Wolverhampton.

First champion of the day was Liam, 7, winning gold in the boys 7yrs and under, open grade kumite (fight) category.

Liam, having fainted earlier in the day, recovered to fight like a true champion, winning seven tough fights, to earn himself top position on the podium.

Luan, 9, was able to mirror his younger brother's success by also winning gold in the boys 9yrs and under, open grade kumite category.

Luan, the most experienced competitor in the squad, upheld his reputation as a kumite champion with explosive attacks and his great timing with



Raphael Veras with his team of medal winners

blocks meant that there were only a couple of points scored against him throughout the seven rounds.

Nicole Hussey, competing in the senior female up to 4th kyu, 16yrs + kata category, won silver after three strong performances.

Next to place was Lucienne

'Lulu' Brown, aged 9. This young karateka showed great fighting spirit for a second time competitor after three rounds in the girls 9yrs and under, above 4'3" open grade kumite category. Lulu worked very hard to earn a bronze medal.

Also competing in the squad were Luke Kavanagh, 11, Archie

Gemmell, 12 and youngest brother, Luca Veras aged just 6.

All Veras Karate Academy members train at classes in Tower Hamlets and across North London.

Anyone interested in becoming part of this team should check out their website www.verasacademy.co.uk

Victoria Park Community Cricket league round-up

IT was back to league action in the Victoria Park Community Cricket League last week and no doubt who were the stars – the London Tigers, who roared to a sensational 101-run victory over Island Community, one of the league's top sides.

London Tigers v Island Community

Tamin and Shihaan started at a fierce pace for Tigers, each scoring 53 and 55 not out, while Salman and Mesbah, both with 27 unbeaten, made solid contributions to a score of 206-2.

Island Community were never able to match that run rate and finished up on 105-7 with Shumon Sharif getting 2-25.

Rose & Crown v Tawheed

This wasn't a high scoring game and Nadeem's 34 was the highlight of the Tawheed innings in which Yasser also contributed 21 runs and Nethan took 4-25.

Patrick, 28, and Mango, 26 not out, were the main scorers for Rose and Crown as they reached their target for the loss of only three wickets.

Junoon v Old Fallopian

Junoon's Sarfraz Ahmed was unbeaten on a half century and well supported by Hassan Mahmood with 48, Waleed Khan on 25 and Nomaan Shah on 22 as they reached a healthy 162-3.

David Melia with 38 made a good start for Old Fallopian, but even good knocks by Will Hopson-Hill, 27, and Austin Hymas, 21, could not save them and they were out for 139-6.

Challengers v Tower Cavaliers

Yawar, 53 not out, and Hassan were the heroes for Challengers as they reached 191-2. They were well supported by Farhan, 28 not out, and Ammar, 25 not out.

The bowling of all-rounder Hassan, 2-24, and one wicket apiece by Imran and Farhan sent Tower Cavaliers tumbling for 118-5 despite good innings from Ken and Rob with 34 each.

Martians v Regents

Martians batted first and set a good pace reaching 149-6 which

looked an ideal total for victory. But Regents made a real fight of it to reach 130-4 – just 19 runs short of their target.

Chinatown v Best Nationals

Best Nationals struggled for runs and Ben was top scorer with 21 as they reached 91-5.

Chinatown's pairing of Yufei and Wang both scored 34 unbeaten and they reached target having lost just two wickets.

Victoria Lounge v The Pumas

The Pumas scored 93-4 against the bowling of Dan Bird who took three wickets. Tom Greer, 29, and Mark Boule, 21, were the two main scorers.

Victoria Lounge were soon up with the runs thanks to an unbeaten 46 from Jo Cannon and they reached 94-3.

Nightwatchman v Stoke Newington

Syed stole the show for Nightwatchman hitting an unbeaten 51 and was well supported by Ajma, 42, and Yasir, 32, in an innings totalling 161-3.

Ilyas, 3-20, and Marof, 2-9, gave Stoke Newington a torrid time and despite steady knocks by Irfan, 27, and Russell, 26, they ended on 116-7.

Bengal Tigers v Homerton

Bengal Tigers batted first and reached 117-6. Hannon, 31, and Abhijit, 29, were the top scorers on the day while Alex took 2-13.

The Homerton batting started solidly, but in the end they finished on 90-6 giving Tigers a 27 run victory.

Tower Hamlets v Contenders

A brilliant unbeaten 58 from Foysool was the highlight of the Tower Hamlets innings as they reached a creditable 157-6.

Orett, who took two wickets, hit a brave 29 for Contenders, but they fell short of their target with 125-6. Tanzir and Rahat took two wickets apiece.

Masiha v Wrong'uns

Wrong'uns were put into bat and reached 124-4 in the allotted overs – Rahil the most menacing of the bowlers with 3-23.

Masiha batted and knocks from Majid, 37, Adnan, 21 not out, Rahil, 17, and Mac, 16, took to victory with two balls left.

Kevin continues his York Hall love affair

BY PETER FAULKNER

KEVIN Mitchell started his boxing career at York Hall, Bethnal Green, when he was 12 years old and enjoyed a one-round knock-out success.

On Saturday night he went back there and continued his love affair with this famous East End venue but had to settle for a points win this time over Frenchman Sebastien Benito.

"It's great to be back," said Mitchell in his first contest under the Matchroom banner. "I loved it in there. I was in there relaxing, having fun."

"Beforehand I was a bit nervous, everyone wanted to see

me put on a real performance. I put in a performance where I showed what I've got, yet I also got eight rounds under my belt. I just want to be active.

"I don't necessarily need big fights or even big bills, but I need to keep busy and get rounds under my belt."

Promoter Eddie Hearn, who has only just teamed up with the ex-British and Commonwealth super-featherweight champion, said after the fight: "Eight rounds was crucial for Kevin. He showed just how good he is at times in there."

"The plan as far as I'm concerned now is a 10-round at the start of the next season and then a big domestic fight."

Mitchell dictated the fight from start to finish against an opponent who, although relatively inexperienced, had only been stopped once.

Benito looked hurt from a body shot in the sixth round, but managed to hang on for another two rounds without ever troubling Mitchell.

THE Southern Area featherweight title fight between champion Ian Bailey and challenger Dan Naylor takes place at York Hall, on July 27.

Bailey will be making the first defence of the title he sensationally won by a ninth round stoppage of Lewis Pettitt, back in September last year.

Heading the list of exciting

young prospects from the TRAD TKO gym will be unbeaten duo, welterweight Freddie Turner and Ediz Hussein, son of former Repton star Mo Hussain.

EAST London's Marianne Marston should have been enjoying her second professional fight at York Hall's Independence Day show on Friday, but was KO'd after the show was called off until October.

Marianne, who had a stunning 107-second victory over Hungary's Gabriella Roman at the East London venue in April, was due to appear on the undercard of the world title battle between Sweden's Mikaela Lauren and Germany's Jennifer Retzke.



Olympic star at the Wharf

Olympic volleyball star, Phil Smith, left, popped into Canary Wharf this week to give youngsters a few tips and watch them in action at the Action for Kids beach volleyball.

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Sport

Sport in brief

Leigh is a rising star of athletics

LEIGH Thompson's athletic career has soared since 2012 and she is now ranked number two in the country – an astonishing rise of 35 places.

The Victoria Park Harrier & Tower Hamlets Athletics Club teenager, gave proof of her ability at the weekend when she won the English Schools Athletics Association 75m hurdles crown.

All-rounder Leigh won the under-15 title in a time of 11.30secs – a new personal best.

Last year Bishop Challoner pupil Leigh was ranked 37 in the under-15 ratings. Now she is number two in Great Britain.

However she was the only golden girl at the championships. Personal bests were also set by both silver medallists Nnenna Eronini (Bishop Challoner) in the under-15 girls dis-



Leigh Thompson, right, battles with Catriona McSorley.

Photo: Tony Pain

cus with a throw of 34.66 and Brandon McCarthy (Bishop Challoner) in the boys under-15 200m with a time of 22.73.

For the rest it was a disappointing weekend.

Gbemisola Olaosebikan finished 5th in the under-17 shot with a throw of 10.48m, Wahid Zerrouki ran 57.77s for seventh place in the intermediate boys 400m, Elisha Fahmy clocked 11.64s in the heats of the junior boys 100m, Lathursan Vinayag-

amorthy was sixth in the junior boys 300m clocking 38.30s and Ocean Lewis was an under-15 200m finalist

Idowu steps down

FORMER Raine's pupil, Phillips Idowu, has announced he will not be competing in next month's World Athletics Championships in Moscow.

Idowu, who failed to make the Olympic final last year and has

since been inactive, was expected to compete in the world championship trials in Birmingham, taking place as East End Life went to press.

But the 34-year-old triple jumper said: "After careful consideration, and for the foreseeable future I will be taking a step back from athletics.

"I feel this is the right time for me and this is not a decision I have made lightly."

Rotary fund raiser

TOWER Hamlets Rotary Club is taking to the river for a massive charity event on Sunday, July 21. In conjunction with other Rotary clubs, they are holding a dragon boat festival at Fairlop Water in Barkingside, Ilford.

The idea is to get all Rotary clubs together to raise money for their own causes. Rotary meets at the Premier Inn, Prescott Street, E1, on Wednesdays.

Sevens heaven

THE annual East London Sevens rugby tournament takes place this weekend (July 20) – and London City Airport have become the new sponsors.

This popular event is staged by East London Rugby Club who say the sponsorship will help increase the popularity of East London 7s. The tournament begins at 11am.

Perri happy in Paris

BOW hurdler Perri Shakes-Drayton finished second best for once in the Diamond League meeting in Paris at the weekend, but admitted she was happy with her form.

After trailing in behind Czech Zuzana Heinova, ex-Bishop Challoner pupil Perri said: "Things are going pretty much as I want them to. With five weeks to go to the World Championships my form is as I would expect."

Perri clocked 53.96s, but thought she had gone slower so was happy with the time, but she was never going to catch Heinova, who clocked 53.24s.

Away in the cup

TOWER Hamlets Football Club have been drawn away to Walsham Le Willows, an Eastern Counties Premier team, in the extra preliminary round of the FA Cup on August 17.

The club, formerly Bethnal Green United, compete in the Essex Senior League and play at Mile End Stadium. Sporting Bengal are away against FC Clacton.

Sorry, Fraser

IN a report about Bethnal Green Sharks' Canary Wharf Sprint Gala last week, we wrongly referred to Fraser Carlton as Fraser Collin. We apologise for the mistake.

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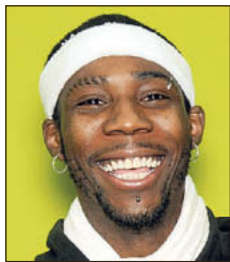


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Golden girl
Leigh Thompson, left, on the way to a gold medal at the weekend.

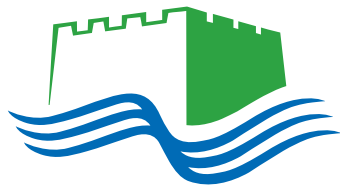
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Idowu decides to take a break

Former Raines pupil, Phillips Idowu, left, will not be competing in next month's World Athletics Championships in Moscow. The 34-year-old triple jumper is taking a break from the sport.

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TOWER HAMLETS

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NEWS FROM TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL AND YOUR COMMUNITY

Repton seven in Irish gold strike

BY PETER FAULKNER

YOUNGSTERS from Bethnal Green's Repton Boxing Club ended a record-breaking year at the weekend when they struck gold in Ireland.

Nine of the club's top juniors, who have already won a string of national titles, went to Dublin to compete in the first Monkstown Boxcup, an international schoolboys competition.

And the three-day event not only saw Repton strike gold seven times, but George Mitchell won the Best Boxer of the tournament award and Repton were declared the Best Team of the tournament.

Club official Kelvin Wing said: "Our boxers performed extremely well and commitments permitting we may go back next year."

The gold medals were won by Harvey Smith (class 1, 30kg), George Mitchell (class 1, 36kg),

Jordan Moore (class 1, 39kg), Henry Turner (class 2, 42kg), Jake Henty (class 2, 45kg), and Michael Oates (class 3, 36kg).

Harvey Smith pulled off two excellent points wins over Jack Bradley (Monkstown) and Yezin Wall (Angels), and George Mitchell gave a star-studded display to outpoint Sean O'Towell (3 Bridges) in the semi-final and Tommy Burnside (Birtley) in the final.

The success story continued when Jordan Moore first got a bye into the final where he punched out a points win over Pat Myers (Innisfleet) and then Henry Turner also got a bye into the final where he was too good for Francis O'Towell (3 Bridges).

Jake Henty carried on the good work with a fine points win over Luke Taysay (Avers) and then, surprisingly, won the final without having to throw a punch when it was discovered his opponent was overweight.

Final gold medal went to all-action Michael Oates. He had two good points wins over Yusan Wussain (Wallington) and Craig Kuwich (Crumlin) before Tommy Roberts had to box three times to earn his gold medal defeating John Purdy (Sunderland), Miarace Kinsing (St Andrews & St Patricks) and then Cameron Fox (Monkstown).

Thomas Rolfe faced the Irish champion Oisin Treavuz (Pennyvale) and lost on points to a youngster who is now unbeaten in 12 contests.

Johnny Hannaran faced a tough three fight schedule first beating Killaim McDowell (Mullyudart) on points and Sean Wutigal (Docklands) in the semi-final. In the final he was narrowly adjudged to have lost to Connor Edwards (Brentwood).

Brandon's double delight

WHAT a weekend it's been for Bishop Challoner schoolboy athlete Brandon McCarthy.

On Saturday he picked up a silver medal running in the English Schools Athletics championships 200m final.

Then, 24 hours later, he made another dash to Crystal Palace and proved a real golden boy of the track.

Brandon, 14, competed in the London Youth Games and won gold medals again for the 200m



Brandon McCarthy

and the long jump. He clocked 22.70secs in the sprint – just slightly faster than his 22.73s in

the schools final at Birmingham. And in the long jump he leapt 6.78m.

Brandon's double success helped Tower Hamlets boys finish top of the rankings – a big improvement on last year's fifth spot. The borough finished 19th.

Prior to the finals the borough had already won the sailing, came third in the kayak slalom and boys cricket and won bronze in the girls football.

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